



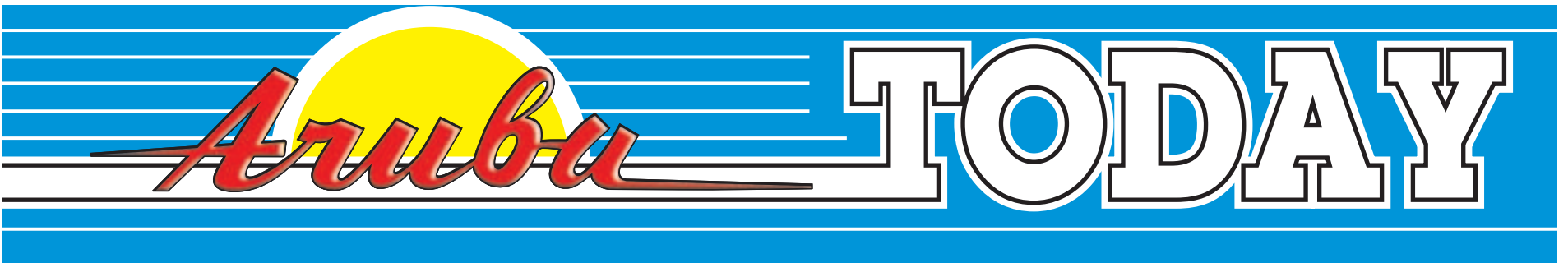
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A couple fishes from a dock near a bay marina as Hurricane Gonzalo approaches to the area in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. Hurricane Gonzalo formed Monday in the Caribbean and was on course to move out over open ocean after buffeting Antigua and nearby islands with heavy rain and wind.  
(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

# Hurricane Gonzalo Strengthens in Caribbean

**ANIKA KENTISH**  
**Associated Press**  
**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP)** — Hurricane Gonzalo formed Monday in the Caribbean and was on course to move out over open ocean after buffeting Antigua and nearby islands with heavy rain and dangerous wind.

Gonzalo passed near Antigua as a tropical storm, tearing roofs from people's homes and knocking down trees, then gathered enough force near the tiny territories of St. Martin and Anguilla to be reclassified as a hurricane. "It's intensified at a pretty

brisk pace since yesterday and we expect it to strengthen," said Michael Brennan, a senior hurricane specialist tracking the system from the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. The center of the strengthening hurricane was on track to pass near or just

east of the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. It was not expected to reach the U.S. mainland but forecasters said it could develop into a major hurricane over open ocean and pose a threat to Bermuda later in the week. "It's certainly something that people in Bermuda will

want to pay attention to," Brennan said. As of 8 p.m., the center of Gonzalo was about 5 miles (10 kilometers) north of St. Martin and 125 miles (205 kilometers) east of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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## In Central Hong Kong: Hundreds try to tear down sit-in barricades

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HONG KONG - Monday began with attempts by the police and hundreds of other opponents of the pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong to tear down the barriers around the protesters' main camp. It ended with thousands of supporters of the protests swarming onto downtown streets and helping to erect

trict.

"The government doesn't listen to the Hong Kong people, so we must do this," he said, his voice choked with emotion.

Actions by the police and threats from opponents against the protesters have repeatedly backfired, making the pro-democracy demonstrators more determined to hold fast. Two weeks ago, when the police used tear gas and pep-

were erecting tents and barricades, effectively expanding and deepening their hold over some of the world's most expensive real estate.

"Before the street barriers were just symbolic, but the ones going up now are something else," said Jo Wu, an office worker who was out on Queensway to show support for the students while also walking her pet pug, Mimi. "People

"I don't think there's an absolute contrast now between Occupy Central and working in Central," he said, still dressed in his dark suit from a day's work in the office. "We need to show that this is not only students who are angry."

Meanwhile, on nearby Harcourt Road, the avenue that is the heart of the protest movement in the Admiralty neighborhood, thousands of people sat on



People remove the metal barricades that protesters set up to block off main roads near the heart of the city's financial district, Hong Kong Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. An angry crowd tried to charge barricades used by pro-democracy protesters to occupy part of downtown Hong Kong as a standoff with authorities dragged into a third week.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

stronger barriers.

Bankers, builders, engineers and smartly dressed office workers were among the surge of people who gathered deep into the night to keep the police from squeezing the student-led protests out of the three major areas of the city they have clogged for two weeks.

"This is to protect our democracy, to protect our future," said Patrick Chan, an accountant, taking a brief break from helping to raise an elaborate fortress of bamboo and plastic binding on the edge of Central, the city's main financial dis-

per spray to try to break up protesters, even more people went out into the streets.

This time, police attempts to pare back protesters' barricades brought out the supporters who built yet more barricades, using bamboo poles, garbage cans, concrete, bus-stop signs and even large potted plants and carpet scavenged from office renovations.

The eight-lane avenue called Queensway, which is flanked by shopping malls and skyscrapers, was by nightfall occupied by more than 1,000 students and their supporters, who

are showing their distrust of the government."

The pro-democracy protests have become known as "Occupy Central," after a movement that threatened to stage a much smaller sit-in in the financial district.

"We came to show our support for something we really treasure: democracy," said Steven Tsui, a financial analyst in his twenties who works in Central. He was among the crowd cheering as protesters built an intricate stockade of bamboo on the Queensway to deter new police incursions.

the pavement on Monday night, listening to speeches and music. Thousands more milled about the hundreds of tents that have sprung up on the avenue. One was Nelson Lee, 26, who works in the insurance and fund management industry.

"They came for the same reason: They disagree with people destroying the barriers by improper means," Lee said, adding that he had helped erect some barriers last week. "Students just want democracy, and the government uses so many means to destroy the protests." □

## Eurozone FM's wrestling with slow economy

The Associated Press

The head of the eurozone finance ministers' group said Monday the ministers are not satisfied with the stagnant economy and agree "strong measures" are needed to get it moving again.

Eurogroup head Jeroen Dijsselbloem said the ministers were looking at ways to reward countries for reforming their economies by giving them financial help with new investment in infrastructure.

European officials are trying to push countries such as France and Italy to make their economies more business friendly. There is also a debate about how to find more money for investment. If countries make the effort, Dijsselbloem said, the EU could "support those efforts by supporting investments in those countries."

Dijsselbloem spoke after the ministers met Monday in Luxembourg to debate what to do about the shaky growth prospects for the 18 members of the euro currency union. They had zero growth in the second quarter, and the chance that the eurozone might fall into recession remains a key risk factor for an uncertain global economy. Third quarter figures are due next month.

Growth has stalled as many countries cut spending to reduce excessive levels of government debt, removing the impetus of government spending from the economy. Germany, the biggest eurozone economy, is in better shape but has focused on reducing its deficit rather than spending on new infrastructure, a stance that has brought pressure from the United States and some eurozone governments.

European Central Bank head Mario Draghi has urged countries that have room to spend more to do so. Others, such as France and Italy, are being pushed to ease rules on hiring to make their economies more business friendly and attractive to new business investment. □





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## Hurricane Gonzalo strengthens in Caribbean

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It had maximum sustained winds of 80 mph (130 kph) and was moving toward the northwest at 12 mph (19 kph).

Airports, government offices and school were shuttered in the British Virgin Islands as strengthening Gonzalo steamed toward the tiny territory of roughly 30,000 residents. Premier Orlando Smith called on people to secure their homes and businesses.

But Merlyn Brown, a resident of the British territory's 8-square-mile (20-square-kilometer) island of Virgin Gorda, said she had lived through many storms and hurricanes through the years and wasn't doing much to prepare for Gonzalo other than latching her windows and hoping for the best.

"I've been through a lot of these things so I just take them as they come. I don't get too worked up about the storms," said Brown, who works at a local gas station where more concerned residents were stocking up on fuel.

In the three-island territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the international airport on St. Thomas shuttered at 7 p.m. after airlines cancelled flights.

All seaports were closed. With rain-heavy Gonzalo bearing down, all burials were postponed until further notice.



A forklift carries a 40-foot boat to a dry-stack as Hurricane Gonzalo approaches the area in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. Hurricane Gonzalo formed Monday in the Caribbean and was on course to move out over open ocean after buffeting Antigua and nearby islands with heavy rain and wind.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

For several hours on Monday, heavy rain and strong winds lashed Antigua, which bore the brunt of the storm as it cut through the northern Leeward Islands. Downed trees already blocked many island roads and many people lost power or reported that the storm damaged, or in some cases destroyed, the roofs their homes.

Condell Maurice, a 36-year-old teacher, said his roof sprung at least nine leaks during the storm. "You should have seen us with our buckets, jugs and bowls trying to chase down those leaks," he said, surveying the damage, which also included several downed trees in his backyard. □

## Turkey: No new deal with US on air base

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**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — NATO allies Turkey and the United States differed Monday on where they stand on the use of a key air base, with Turkish officials denying reports from the United States that there was a new agreement on its use for operations against Islamic State militants.

The impasse suggests that major differences remain between the two sides. Turkey has said it won't join the fight against the extremists unless the U.S.-led coalition

also goes after the Syrian government of President Bashar Assad, including establishing a no-fly zone and a buffer zone along the Turkish border.

The United States has been pressing Turkey to play a larger role against the Islamic militants, who have taken control of large swaths of Syria and Iraq, including territory on Turkey's border, and sent refugees fleeing into Turkey.

U.S. officials said again Monday that Turkey would let U.S. and coalition forces use its bases, including Incirlik air base, which is

within 100 miles of the Syrian border, for operations against the Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq. However, emerging Monday from a Cabinet meeting, Turkey's deputy prime minister, Bulent Arinc, said that "apart from the existing cooperation in combatting terrorism, there is no new situation concerning Incirlik air base."

The deputy premier added that Turkey had proposed the use of some of its bases to train and equip moderate opposition forces fighting the Islamic State group

in Iraq and Syria, but said the sides had not yet come to any agreement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Tanju Bilgic said Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu made it very clear on Monday in an interview with a Turkish news agency that "there is not an agreement — no decision has been taken as regards using Incirlik air base."

"He said that there is a consensus especially on train and equip program. But still many issues are pending and many issues are being discussed between the United States and Turkey. □



# US officials launch review of Ebola procedures

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**DALLAS (AP)** — The Texas nurse who contracted Ebola while caring for a dying Liberian man repeatedly visited his room from the day he was admitted to the intensive care unit until the day before he died, medical records show. Nurse Nina Pham and other health care workers wore protective gear, including gowns, gloves, masks and face shields — and sometimes full-body suits — when caring for Thomas Eric Duncan, but the 26-year-old Pham became the first person to contract the disease within the United States. Federal health officials on Monday urged U.S. hospitals to “think Ebola” and launched a review of procedures for treating infected patients, while the World Health Organization called the outbreak “the most severe, acute health

emergency seen in modern times.” Pham’s family told WFAA-

TV in Dallas on Monday that she was the health care worker with Ebola. A rec-

tor at her family’s church, Hung Le, told The Associated Press that Pham’s

mother told him Pham has the virus.

Pham was among about 70 hospital staffers who were involved in Duncan’s care after he was hospitalized, according to the records.

The Texas Christian University nursing school graduate was monitoring her own temperature and went to the hospital Friday night as soon as she discovered she was running a low fever. She is in isolation and in stable condition, health officials said.

By Monday evening, she had received a transfusion of plasma from a doctor who survived the virus, according to her pastor and the nonprofit medical mission group Samaritan’s Purse.

Public-health authorities have since intensified their monitoring of other Dallas hospital workers who cared for Duncan. □



Protect Environmental workers move disposal barrels to a staging area outside the apartment of a healthcare worker who treated Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan and tested positive for the disease, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, in Dallas.

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## Father: Kassig converted to Islam willingly

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Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The parents of an Indiana aid worker threatened with beheading by the Islamic State group rejected suggestions that their son converted to Islam to save himself Monday, saying his interest in Eastern religions began long before he traveled to the Middle East.

Ed and Paula Kassig told The Associated Press that their son, who has changed his name from Peter to Abdul-Rahman since his conversion, was inspired by the activism of his grandfather, a pastor and advocate for Muslims in the Middle East for many years. They have no doubt that his conversion to Islam was a personal choice, not one driven by his captivity. "When our son makes a commitment to something, no holds barred. It's 150 percent. He goes at it with every fiber of his being. He converted totally," Ed Kassig said.

The Kassigs said their son began exploring Eastern religions while in school and initiated his conversion to Islam before being taken hostage, observing the fast of Ramadan three months before his capture on Oct. 1, 2013.

Nicolas Henin, a French journalist who was held with Abdul-Rahman Kassig for several months, said he did not believe Kassig had been coerced into embracing Islam.

"He had been a virtual Muslim already. He had been living among Muslims" for some time, he said Monday.

Paula and Ed Kassig said they stayed silent for a year after their son was detained because his captors had vowed to kill the 26-year-old aid worker immediately if they went public.

"We were under a veil of secrecy for a long time," Ed Kassig said.

But once a militant threatened his beheading in an Oct. 3 video, in retaliation for U.S. bombing attacks, "It was like a dam broke," he said. □

## Nearly 50 arrested in protest over US shootings

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Associated Press  
**FERGUSON, Missouri (AP)**

— Nearly 50 people were arrested Monday during a large rally in the Missouri city where protesters have been unremitting since an unarmed 18-year-old black man was fatally shot by a police officer.

Clergy members led several hundred people on a march, using a bullhorn to read the names of people killed by police across the U.S., marking the third straight day of recent protests in the St. Louis suburb where Michael Brown was fatally shot Aug. 9 by a white police officer. Tensions escalated last week when a white police officer in St. Louis shot and killed 18-year-old Vonderrit Myers Jr., who police say shot at police before he was killed. Ferguson Police spokesman Tim Zoll said about 42 people were arrested at the Ferguson Police Station. Six others were later arrested for failing to disperse after blocking a street.

Protesters also blocked the entrance to a major employer, held a loud rally inside St. Louis City Hall, disrupted business at a Ferguson shopping center and a Wal-Mart and tried to crash a private fundraiser for a St. Louis County executive candidate where Sen. Claire McCaskill was scheduled to appear.

Among those arrested on

a charge of disturbing the peace was scholar and civil rights activist Cornel West, police said. The former Princeton University professor has been in the St. Louis area for a week-end of protests, speeches and workshops designed to call attention to anger over

he was shot. The protesters were met by about 40 officers in riot gear.

"My faith compels me to be here," said Bishop Wayne Smith of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. "I want to show solidarity, and call attention to the structural racism of St. Louis."

case and the U.S. Justice Department is conducting a civil rights investigation. Since Brown's death, three other fatal police shootings of black males have occurred in the St. Louis area. Myers died Wednesday after a confrontation with a white St. Louis officer,



Philosopher Cornel West, center, and Joshua Williams, 18, right, march arm-in-arm with protesters towards the St. Louis University campus where protesters announced they were staging a sit-in, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, in St. Louis, in reaction to the shooting this summer of a black, 18-year-old by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Carson)

police treatment of minorities.

Pounding rain and tornado watches didn't deter the protesters who stayed outside the headquarters for nearly four hours, roughly the same amount of time that Brown's body was left in the street after

The planned demonstrations began Friday afternoon with a march outside the St. Louis County prosecutor's office, where protesters renewed calls for prosecutor Bob McCulloch to charge Darren Wilson, the officer who shot Brown. A grand jury is reviewing the

whose name has not been released. Police said the officer fired 17 rounds after Myers opened fire. Myers' parents say he was unarmed, and many speakers at a weekend rally echoed those doubts and raised concerns about racial profiling. □

## Proposal would toughen federal trespassing laws

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A U.S. senator who says terror threats are up proposed a federal law Monday that carries up to five years of prison time for scaling prominent national structures such as the World Trade Center, Statue of Liberty and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said his state is the nation's top terror target.

His proposed maximum sentence of five years is a considerable jump from the one year in New York

City's trespassing law. Recent incidents include a Russian tourist who climbed the Brooklyn Bridge, two German artists who claimed responsibility for replacing American flags with mysterious white ones atop the famed span that links Manhattan and Brooklyn, and three extreme-skydiving daredevils who leaped off 1 World Trade Center.

"With terror threats at a high, it must be made loud and clear to any would-be trespassers, adrenaline junkies or potential criminals that the federal

government and the New York Police Department take trespassing on critical infrastructure and national monuments very seriously," the Democratic senator said, standing near the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn Bridge with the city's deputy police commissioner for intelligence and counterterrorism, John Miller.

In New York, the maximum federal sentence of five years also would apply to the Statue of Liberty, various tunnels and the suburban Indian Point nuclear power plant north of the

city — all considered critical infrastructures.

They're defined as physical systems and assets so vital to the United States that their incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating impact on physical and economic security, or on public health.

The Russian climber was arrested in August after walking on a bridge landing while taking photos with his cellphone.

A prosecutor initially offered him a deal of 90 days in jail, but a judge ordered a community service penalty. □





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## US eyes sale of NY's Waldorf hotel to Chinese firm

**MATTHEW LEE**

**AP Diplomatic Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Concerned about potential security risks, the U.S. government is taking a close look at last week's sale of New York's iconic Waldorf Astoria hotel to a Chinese insurance company.

U.S. officials said Monday they are reviewing the Oct. 6 purchase of the Waldorf by the Beijing-based Anbang Insurance Group, which bought the hotel from Hilton Worldwide for \$1.95 billion. Terms of the sale allow Hilton to run the hotel for the next 100 years and call for "a major renovation" that officials say has raised eyebrows in Washington, where fears of Chinese eavesdropping and cyber espionage run

high.

The officials also said the sale could have implications for the government's longstanding relationship with the hotel, which serves as home to the American ambassador to the United Nations and hosts the president and hundreds of U.S. diplomats during the annual U.N. General Assembly. "We are currently in the process of reviewing the details of the sale and the company's long-term plans for the facility," said Kurtis Cooper, a spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. He and other officials said decisions about the future of the U.S. relationship with the Waldorf would be made based on cost, Anbang's long-term plans for



**A taxi passes in front of the fabled Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York. Concerned about potential security risks, the U.S. government is taking a close look at last week's sale of New York's iconic Waldorf Astoria hotel to a Chinese insurance company. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)**

the hotel, and the government's needs and security concerns. The officials said specifics of the renovation plan would be a key issue of the review. "The State Department takes seriously the security

of its personnel, their work spaces and official residences," Cooper said. "We are constantly evaluating our security protocols and standard operating procedures to ensure the safety and security of our information and personnel."

The department routinely warns U.S. diplomats in China about physical and electronic surveillance and tells American citizens in the country to be aware of similar risks, notably in hotels.

"Hotel rooms (including meeting rooms), offices, cars, taxis, telephones, Internet usage and fax machines may be monitored onsite or remotely, and personal possessions in hotel rooms, including computers, may be searched without your consent or knowledge," according to the department's latest travel advice for China. "Business travelers should be particularly mindful that trade secrets, negotiating positions and other business-sensitive information may be taken and shared with local interests." □

## McDonald's invites icky food queries

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**AP Food Industry Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — McDonald's wants to explain why its burgers may not rot and that there are no worms in its beef.

The world's biggest hamburger chain is confronting unappetizing questions as part of a U.S. campaign to beat back perceptions that it serves Frankenfood. The company has run similar campaigns in Canada and Australia and said Monday it's bringing the effort to its flagship market. The push comes as McDonald's fights to boost its performance in the U.S., where sales slid 1.5 percent at established locations in the most recent quarter, following a 0.2 percent dip for last year. In addition to increased competition, McDonald's is trying to keep up with changing tastes,

with places such as Chipotle marketing their food as more wholesome alternatives.

To improve the image of its food, McDonald's recently rolled out chicken wraps with sliced cucumbers and the option to substitute egg whites in breakfast sandwiches.

It also plans to eventually let people swap out the french fries in value meals with options like salad or vegetables.

For its latest campaign, among the first issues McDonald's addresses are widely circulated online images and videos that show its burgers staying in tact after several weeks or even years. On its webpage, McDonald's says that's likely because the food has dehydrated, and that food needs moisture to form mold.

The company's responses to other questions such as "Does McDonald's beef contain worms?" are more direct: "No. Gross! End of story."

A video posted on the company's home page also showed Grant Imahara, a former host of the TV show "Mythbusters," touring a Cargill beef plant where McDonald's patties are made.

"Are there lips and eyeballs in there, Jimmy?" Imahara asks a plant supervisor, who explains that the patties only have beef trimmings. Another guide says the patties do not contain lean finely textured beef, an ingredient widely referred to as "pink slime" that became the subject of controversy a few years ago. McDonald's stopped using the ingredient about three years ago. □



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## US Financial Front:

# Why drop in oil prices has downside for US economy

**JONATHAN FAHEY**  
AP Energy Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — If you're a driver, a shipper or an airline, low oil prices sure feel nice. But there are downsides to the recent plunge in oil prices — for the oil industry and for the economy.

fuel. "Initially, (a lower oil price) will provide a boost to an economy that already has some momentum," says Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial. "It's like a tax cut. The problem is that it will come back to haunt us in 2015."

erations are still profitable when oil sells for \$85 a barrel, and oil closed just below \$86 on Monday. In general, oil companies would have to expect oil prices to stay below \$80 a barrel for many months to scale back their drilling plans. Unless supplies drop, per-

Service and Gasbuddy.com, says the national average could fall under \$3 a gallon before year's end for the first time since 2010. Benchmark U.S. crude oil peaked in late June at \$107 after Islamic State fighters seized control of some cities and Iraq and seemed capable of disrupting exports from OPEC's second-largest exporter. Upheaval in Libya sharply cut its output.

Global supplies were unstable, and demand appeared robust. U.S. refiners were churning through more oil than ever and making and exporting records amounts of fuel.

The picture soon flipped. The threat to Iraq's exports diminished. Libyan exports returned to the market. And refineries in the U.S. and Asia slowed for seasonal maintenance. At the same time, slower growth in Europe and China led forecasters to reduce expectations for oil demand. The weak global economic forecast, combined with a relatively strong one for the United States, raised the dollar's value to a four-year high against other currencies. Because oil is priced in dollars, a stronger dollar makes oil more expensive and tends to reduce demand.

Suddenly there was plenty of supply and not enough

demand. By the end of last week, oil had plunged \$20 a barrel from its peak. It ended the week below \$86 a barrel for the first time in nearly two years. Energy company stocks have fallen 16 percent since late June, compared with a drop of 2 percent in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, according to FactSet.

Lower fuel prices have followed. The average prices of gasoline, heating oil, diesel and jet fuel are all on track to be the lowest in four years, giving drivers, travelers and fuel-hungry companies a break. Savanthi Syth, an airlines analyst at Raymond James, recently increased her earnings forecast for United Airlines by 31 percent for the fourth quarter because of lower fuel prices.

When energy prices fall because of rising supplies, it can help the economy. U.S. natural gas prices fell even as the economy was recovering from the financial crisis.

Those lower prices helped manufacturers by lowering electricity prices and raw material costs.

And increases in U.S. oil production have protected the U.S. economy by keeping fuel prices from soaring in recent years during a period of turmoil in the Middle East.



**Dana Ripley, of Winthrop, Mass., fills the gas tank of his truck at a service station in Andover, Mass. A swoon in the price of oil is lowering fuel bills for drivers, shippers and airlines, but it is not without downsides for both the U.S. oil boom and the broader economy.**

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Low fuel prices can help boost economic growth by reducing fuel bills and leaving consumers and companies with more money to spend on other things. Problem is, two factors behind the oil-price drop — a weaker global economy and a stronger dollar — could hurt the U.S. economy by reducing exports, employment and spending. And all that, in turn, could outweigh the economic benefit of cheaper


A boom in U.S. oil production, which has helped reduce dependence on foreign oil, has been propelled by high prices. Drilling in some areas of North Dakota and Texas, for example, produces only a slight output per day. If prices fell further, drilling would have to slow because it would no longer be profitable.

Oil hasn't fallen quite far enough for that to happen, analysts say. Even the more expensive drilling op-

haps from a cut in production from Saudi Arabia or OPEC, or a sudden turnaround in the global economy that would increase demand, prices could fall further.

"It's problematic," says Gary Ross, CEO of PIRA Energy Group. "The wake-up call is on its way."

In the meantime, drivers will be enjoying the lowest gas prices in four years. Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information



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## American Living:

# Should white mom be paid for brown baby mistake?

**JESSE WASHINGTON**  
**AP National Writer**

What is the price of being forced to raise a brown baby?

It's an unusual question, arising from an Ohio woman's unusual lawsuit prompted by an insemination gone wrong. And it has set off an extraordinary discussion touching on sensitive issues of race, motherhood, sexuality and justice, though the debate begins with one basic premise: You should get what you pay for.

Jennifer Cramblett and her wife, Amanda Zinkon, wanted a white baby. They went to the Midwest Sperm Bank near Chicago and chose blond, blue-eyed donor No. 380, who looked like he could have been related to Zinkon. When Cramblett was five months pregnant, they found out that she had been inseminated by donor No. 330 — a black man.

"The couple did not get what they asked for, which was a particular donor. The company made a mistake, and it should have to pay for that," says Jessica Barrow, an information technology professional. Barrow is black and lesbian, with a white partner. They considered insemination of the white partner before choosing to adopt. When looking at donors, they wanted sperm from a black donor, to create a biracial baby that would have shared some physical characteristics with both of them.

"They're not saying anything racist, they're not say-

ing we don't want a black baby," Barrow said of Cramblett and Zinkon, who profess their love for their now 2-year-old daughter. "They're saying, we asked

to be paid for the difficulties that many black folks — and white parents of adopted black children — deal with for free.

"I don't think I deserve

who is author of "Chocolate Hair Vanilla Care: A Parent's Guide to Beginning Natural Hair Styling."

"Being a parent is going to throw things at you that

hard, I didn't deserve this, this is too much for me to handle, then the child internalizes it and it affects their self-esteem," she says. "It's my job to pour self-esteem into my daughter, not tear it down."

From the days of American slavery through the 1960s, white men fathering children with black women was commonplace and tacitly accepted — yet there were few things as scandalous as a white woman with a brown baby. That history makes Denene Millner, author of the My-BrownBaby.com blog, say that the lawsuit is "rooted in fear ... stuck in the muck and mire of racism and the purity of white lineage."

"She simply cannot fathom dealing with what it means to, in essence, be a Black mom, having to navigate and negotiate a racist world on behalf of a human she bore, in an environment of which she is a product," Millner wrote.

Darron Smith, co-author of "White Parents, Black Children: Experiencing Transracial Adoption," says that the lawsuit reflects America's unexamined racist attitudes and Cramblett's angst over having a biracial child.

He notes that due to supply and demand, it costs about half as much to adopt a black child as a white one, and many black boys in foster care are never adopted.

"This lawsuit demonstrates quite nicely the value of skin color," says Smith, a professor at Wichita State University. □



**This undated file photo provided by Jennifer Cramblett shows her daughter, Payton. Cramblett and her partner, Amanda Zinkon, are suing Midwest Sperm Bank after Jennifer became pregnant with sperm donated by a black man instead of a white man as they had intended.**

(AP Photo/Jennifer Cramblett)

for something, you gave us something different, and now we have to adjust to that."

That "adjustment" is a major justification for Cramblett's lawsuit. It cites the stress and anxiety of raising a brown girl in predominantly white Uniontown, Ohio, which Cramblett describes as intolerant. Some of her own family members have unconscious racial biases, the lawsuit says.

That leads some to believe that Cramblett is asking

anything more being the white parent of a black child than any parent of a black child does," says Rory Mullen, who adopted her daughter.

Strangers have asked Mullen why she didn't adopt a white baby. One remarked in front of her white then-husband that Mullen must have cheated with a black man. Too many white people to count have pawed her daughter's hair.

"It's hard, but being a parent is hard," says Mullen,

you never expected, and we make a decision that we're going to roll with it, because we love our kids and they deserve it," she says.

Mullen agrees that a company should be held liable for promising one thing and doing another. But she thinks the fact Cramblett waited more than two years to sue indicates that the experience of raising a black child is her real problem.

"When you say this is too





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# Militants take Iraq army camp as bombs hit Baghdad

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**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Militants with the Islamic State group on Monday captured a military training camp in western Iraq, inching closer to full control of the restive Anbar province, as a spate of deadly bombings shook Baghdad, hitting mostly Shiite neighborhoods and leaving at least 30 dead. The attacks, which came as Iraqi Shiites marked a major holiday for their sect with families crowding the streets in celebration, raised new concerns that the Sunni militant group is making gains despite U.S.-led coalition airstrikes. British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, on a visit to Iraq, warned that the airstrikes will not be enough to defeat the extremist group and stressed that the Iraqi security forces would have to do the "heavy work on the ground." But Iraqi troops, overstretched and overwhelmed by the Islamic State group's summer blitz that seized large swaths of territory in western and northern Iraq, continued to come under pressure Monday in the western Anbar province, where militants seized an Iraqi military training camp. The camp, near the town of Hit that fell to the insurgents earlier this month, was overrun in the morning hours after clashes with Iraqi soldiers who were forced to abandon the camp and withdraw from the area, two Anbar officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. Town residents confirmed the camp's fall, speaking to the AP also on condition of anonymity, fearing for their

own safety. The Islamic State group touted its conquest of the camp in a statement Monday.

militant websites commonly used by the group. In Baghdad, which has largely been spared the vi-

bombings killed at least 30 people and wounded scores more Monday. The attacks, hitting three

streets to celebrate the Eid al-Ghadeer holiday, which commemorates the Shiite Imam Ali, the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law and the sect's most sacred martyr.

In the eastern Habibiya district, police said 15 people died and 34 were wounded when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a police checkpoint. Earlier in the day, a car bomb struck near a bus stop in northern Baghdad, killing 11 and wounding 22. And in the sprawling district of Sadr City, a bomb hidden in a vegetable cart killed four and wounded 18. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks but the Islamic State fighters say they have a foothold inside Baghdad and have claimed several large-scale bombings in the city in the past months, particularly in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City. □



Iraqi civilians sift through rubble and stand in the ruins of homes that were damaged in fighting after an attack by militants from Islamic State, in western Anbar province, about 85 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq. Militants with Islamic State on Monday captured a military training camp in western Iraq, inching closer to full control of the restive Anbar province. (AP Photo)

day. The statement could not immediately be verified but it was posted on

olence seen in other parts of Iraq amid the Islamic State group's onslaught,

Shiite-majority neighborhoods, came as many Iraqi Shiites families took to the

## Taliban ambushes Afghan security forces, killing 14

AZAM AHMED  
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KABUL, Afghanistan - A Taliban ambush in a relatively calm area of northern Afghanistan killed 14 members of the Afghan security forces, the latest example of a deadly campaign of violence that has taken a serious toll on soldiers and police officers across the country in recent months.

The soldiers and policemen came under attack as they were rotating out after a two-month stint in a remote and mountainous area of Sar-i-Pul province, an area that has seen an unusual increase in violence over the summer fighting months. The

Taliban struck the convoy Sunday, igniting a long gunfight that wounded an additional 17 soldiers and policemen and resulted in the kidnapping of another six soldiers, according to the Abdul Jabar Haqbeen, governor of Sar-i-Pul. The Taliban have waged heavy offensives this year, deeply cutting into Afghan security forces who for the first time have full responsibility for the country's security. Many areas that had once been considered safe have been roiled, especially in the north. And in traditional areas of insurgent strength, mostly in the south and east, the Taliban have made many gains.

Driving the insecurity in many areas is the lack of international forces, who have completely handed over security to their Afghan counterparts. For the first time in years, there are widespread reports of insurgents massing in large groups to attack, banking on the international coalition's limited ability to conduct airstrikes. In response, U.S. forces have stepped up airstrikes, conducting more in August than they had over the past two years in total, according to the U.S. Central Command. Airstrikes have long been a source of tension and misunderstandings between

U.S. and Afghan officials. Even as security officials say the strikes are critical to the country's security, a heavy civilian toll in coalition airstrikes over the years have enraged the public. In a new example, officials in the southeastern province of Paktia claimed that such strikes had killed seven civilians, including a child, who were collecting firewood on a mountaintop near the capital, Gardez. The International Security Assistance Force rejected that account and released a statement saying that the airstrike "resulted in the death of eight armed enemy combatants." □



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Pro-Russian rebels read books as they rest at their base in the town of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. Military officials in Ukraine say there's been a reduction in the number of Russian soldiers at the heart of the fighting between government troops and separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

## In conflict zone: Ukraine sees fewer Russian troops

**PETER LEONARD**  
**Associated Press**

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)** — Military officials in Ukraine say there's been a reduction in the number of Russian soldiers at the heart of the fighting between government troops and separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine. Russian personnel who had been in field camps in Ukraine have been returning to their home bases inside Russia, Ukrainian security spokesman Col. Andriy Lysenko said Monday. Moscow vehemently denies that it has troops in Ukraine or that it supports the separatist forces in Ukraine's largely Russian-speaking eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk. Lysenko described the reported withdrawal as a positive process, but said mercenary fighters were still entering Ukraine from southern Russia, where some Ukrainian border

posts are controlled by rebels. A cease-fire declared early last month between Ukrainian forces and rebel fighters has been violated almost daily, although the overall scale of fighting has eased substantially since that time. Lysenko's statement comes after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered thousands of his country's troops who were posted near the Ukrainian border to return to their permanent bases. A Kremlin spokesman said Putin had ordered approximately 17,600 troops to return home from the southern region of Rostov. The withdrawal may be a sign of goodwill ahead of Putin's trip to Milan on Thursday, where he is set to meet with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and European Union leaders. As EU and U.S. sanctions

against Russia begin to bite and economic growth falters, Moscow may also hope that a troop withdrawal will bolster the chances that Western nations will revoke the sanctions. Ukraine, meanwhile, is shaking up its own military leadership. On Sunday, Poroshenko accepted the resignation of Ukrainian Defense Minister Valeriy Heletey. Parliament is expected to vote Tuesday on his proposed replacement, National Guard head Stepan Poltorak. Heletey came under sustained criticism for his handling of military operations in eastern Ukraine, where rebels managed to reverse government successes with a consistent supply of powerful weaponry, causing heavy troop losses, especially in August.

## Where's Kim Jong Un? Absent leader stirring wild speculation

**FOSTER KLUG**

**Associated Press**

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — Where is Kim Jong Un? He's nowhere to be seen, and yet ... he's everywhere. From "Saturday Night Live" spoofs to the wild theories of journalists across the globe trying to parse his five-week absence from the public eye, the 30-ish leader of North Korea has captured nearly as many headlines as he did when he threatened to nuke his enemies last year.

This bewildering ability to command attention by doing nothing says a lot about the North's mastery of a propaganda apparatus that puts Kim at the center of everything. Remove for 40 days the sun around which that propaganda spins and the international media, both traditional and social, explode with speculation and rumors.

It also speaks to the fundamental difficulties everyone outside North Korea — academics, government officials, reporters — faces in understanding what's really happening inside a small, poor, autocratic country that jealously guards its internal workings as it ignores demands by the U.S. and its powerful allies to give up its nuclear bombs.

It is no mistake that the world obsesses about Kim's extended time off from his usual, seemingly constant series of inspection tours of factories and frontline military bases. Ever since 1948, when Kim's grandfather, Kim Il Sung, founded the country as a socialist rival to the U.S.-backed South, the Kim family has successfully sold the notion, at home and abroad, that they are North Korea.

In the five weeks since Kim was last seen in the state media at a Sept. 3 concert, he has missed several high-profile events that he normally attends. An official documentary released late last month then made a single reference to Kim's "discomfort" and showed video footage from August of him overweight and limping.

Many analysts believe that while Kim may have some health issues, he's probably not in serious trouble. But many other people wonder.

"Is Kim Jong Un brain dead?" a South Korean lawmaker asked Adm. Choi Yoon-hee, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a parliamentary hearing Monday.

Choi said no, and, without elaborating, said Kim's health problems "are not severe enough to disrupt his status as the ruler of the country."

There are many reasons to believe that.

No unusual troop movements or other signs of a possible coup have emerged. Diplomacy at the highest level continues: Three members of his inner circle made a surprise visit to the South, something analysts say would be impossible without the leader's blessing. Foreign tourists and aid workers still travel to the North, and there have been no reports of new restrictions or warnings for diplomats.



# Catholic bishops in 'seismic' opening toward gays

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Associated Press

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Gay rights groups hailed a "seismic shift" by the Catholic Church toward gays on Monday after bishops said homosexuals had gifts to offer the church and that their partnerships, while morally problematic, provided homosexuals with "precious" support. In a preliminary report half-way through a Vatican meeting on family life, the bishops also said the church must recognize the "positive" aspects of civil unions and even Catholics who cohabit, with the aim of bringing them to a lifelong commitment in a church wedding.

The report summarized the closed-door debate that Pope Francis initiated to discuss a host of hot-button family issues such as marriage, divorce, homosexuality and birth control. No decisions were announced, but the tone of the report was one of almost-revolutionary acceptance rather than condemnation, and it will



Pope Francis attends a morning session of a two-week synod on family issues at the Vatican, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

guide discussions until a final document is issued Saturday. "For the LGBT Catholics in the United States and around the world, this new document is a light in the darkness — a dramatic new tone from a church hierarchy that has long denied the very existence of

committed and loving gay and lesbian partnerships," said Chad Griffin, president of Human Rights Campaign, the biggest LGBT rights organization in the U.S. Conservative groups denounced the report as heresy and a "betrayal" that will only serve to con-

fuse Catholics. In an indication of the chasm that is apparently underway within the church leadership itself, Francis decided late Friday to add six progressives from four continents to the synod leadership to help prepare the final document

after several conservatives were elected to leadership positions. None of Francis' appointees were Africans, who are traditionally among the most conservative on family issues. Bishops clearly took into account the views of the pope, whose "Who am I to judge?" comment about gays signaled a new tone of welcome for the church. Their report also reflected the views of ordinary Catholics who, in responses to Vatican questionnaires in the run-up to the synod, rejected church teaching on birth control and homosexuality as outdated and irrelevant. The bishops said gays had "gifts and qualities" to offer and asked rhetorically if the church was ready to provide them a welcoming place, "accepting and valuing their sexual orientation without compromising Catholic doctrine on the family and matrimony." For a 2,000-year-old institution that teaches that gay sex is "intrinsically disordered," even posing the question was significant. □



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# Police shoot, wound German student in Mexico

**JOSE RIVERA**

**Associated Press**

**ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)** —

Police in southern Mexico shot and wounded a German university student in a reported case of mistaken identity, prosecutors said Monday.

His school, the Monterrey Institute of Technology, said in a Twitter post that he was in stable condition and expected to recover, though it did not release his name. The man was in a van with other students — two Germans, two French and six Mexicans — traveling back

from Acapulco and passing through the Guerrero state capital of Chilpancingo just after a confrontation between police and kidnappers that killed one officer.

Police tried to stop the van, believing it was suspicious. Police said they opened fire when they heard something that sounded like a shot or detonation, said Victor Leon Maldonado of the Guerrero state prosecutor's office.

The students kept driving, fearing that armed men might be trying to kidnap

them, state prosecutor Inaky Blanco said.

The German student was shot in the buttocks. Maldonado told reporters in a press conference that the officers shot at the bottom of the van, trying to hit the tires to make it stop. The police involved have been detained and their weapons are being tested, according to a statement from the state attorney general's office.

The shooting came two weeks after police in another Guerrero city, Iguala, opened fire on teacher's

college students, killing six and leaving 43 other missing. They have not been found, though 26 officers from Iguala have been detained, and officials are attempting to determine if any of the students are in 10 newly discovered mass graves.

The Sept. 26 confrontation in Iguala shed light on a widespread problem with local police in Mexico: They are often linked to organized crime. In the case of Iguala, the police who attacked the students were working with the local car-

tel, Guerreros Unidos, according to testimony of those arrested.

Members of a teachers' union tried to enter the Guerrero state congress carrying Molotov cocktails on Monday, but were kept out by riot police, according to state spokesman Jose Villanueva Manzanarez.

He said they instead went to the state capital building, where colleagues of the 43 missing students had blocked accesses, trapping about 2,000 state workers inside. □

# Bolivia's Morales coasts to 3rd term as president

**CARLOS VALDEZ**

**Associated Press**

**LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)** — Evo

Morales coasted to victory in Bolivia's presidential elections, winning an unprecedented third term as voters rewarded the former coca grower for delivering economic and political stability in what has traditionally been one of South America's most ungovernable nations.

The victory puts Morales on track to become the longest-serving leader in Bolivia's history, and his followers are pushing for a constitutional change that would let him seek re-election indefinitely.

Morales insisted he hasn't considered re-election, but pointedly didn't rule it out on Monday, telling a news conference "the people will give it opinion and will decide."

Morales, an Aymara Indian,

received 60 percent of the vote against 25 percent for cement magnate Samuel

Doria Medina, the top vote-getter among four challengers in Sunday's elec-

tion, according to a quick count of voting stations by the polling firm Ipsos for ATB

television. Only fragmentary official returns had been released Monday.

Doria Medina conceded defeat late Sunday promising to "keep working to make a better country."

Morales' supporters poured into the streets to celebrate the triumph, but the festive mood was partly dented by the apparent failure of his Movement Toward Socialism party to retain the two-thirds control of Congress needed to push through a constitutional reform that would lift the two-term limit on presidential mandates. In a victory speech from the balcony of the presidential palace in La Paz, Morales dedicated his victory to Cuba's Fidel Castro and the late Venezuelan president, Hugo Chavez.

"It is a triumph of the anti-colonialists and anti-imperialists," Morales said in a booming voice. □



**Bolivia's President Evo Morales, center, greets supporters from the balcony of the presidential palace in La Paz, Bolivia. Evo Morales coasted to victory in Bolivia's presidential elections, winning an unprecedented third term as president. At left is Vice President Alvaro Garcia. At right is Foreign Affairs Minister David Choqueuanca.**

(AP Photo/Enric Marti)

# Mexican activist Tirado slain during radio broadcast

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Two gunmen walked into a radio station and killed a local activist while he was giving his weekly radio program, prosecutors in the northern Mexico state of Sinaloa said. It was the first on-air killing in recent memory in Mexico.

The victim, Atilano Roman Tirado, was the leader of a group of about 800 farm families whose lands were flooded by dam construction several years ago. His

group, known as the Displaced Persons of Picachos — after the name of the dam — has been demanding compensation for the land.

Roman Tirado had a weekly variety program on the local Fiesta Mexicana radio station in the Pacific coast port of Mazatlan. In past years, the movement had staged blockades and protest marches, which had resulted in some arrests.

Sinaloa state prosecutors

said Sunday that two men walked into the station Saturday and asked for Roman Tirado. The station is in a building that also houses the newspaper El Sol de Mazatlan. One of the men waited outside the studio where Roman Tirado was broadcasting while the other assailant walked into the studio and shot him. He died at a local hospital.

The movement had become somewhat less active over the last couple of

years, and Roman Tirado had ventured into other lines of business. But, at its height, the movement had reported receiving telephone death threats against its leaders.

The government gave houses to people whose villages were flooded by the construction of the Picachos dam, which started in 2006. However, the dwellings were tiny, shack-like structures.

Sinaloa Gov. Mario Lopez

Valdez said Sunday that the killing would not go unpunished.

State prosecutor Marco Antonio Higuera said the killers used a 9-mm pistol in the crime, and that the station offices did not have security cameras that could have recorded the killing. Attacks on radio stations are rare in Mexico, though print journalists and photographers have frequently been the victims of attacks and killings. □





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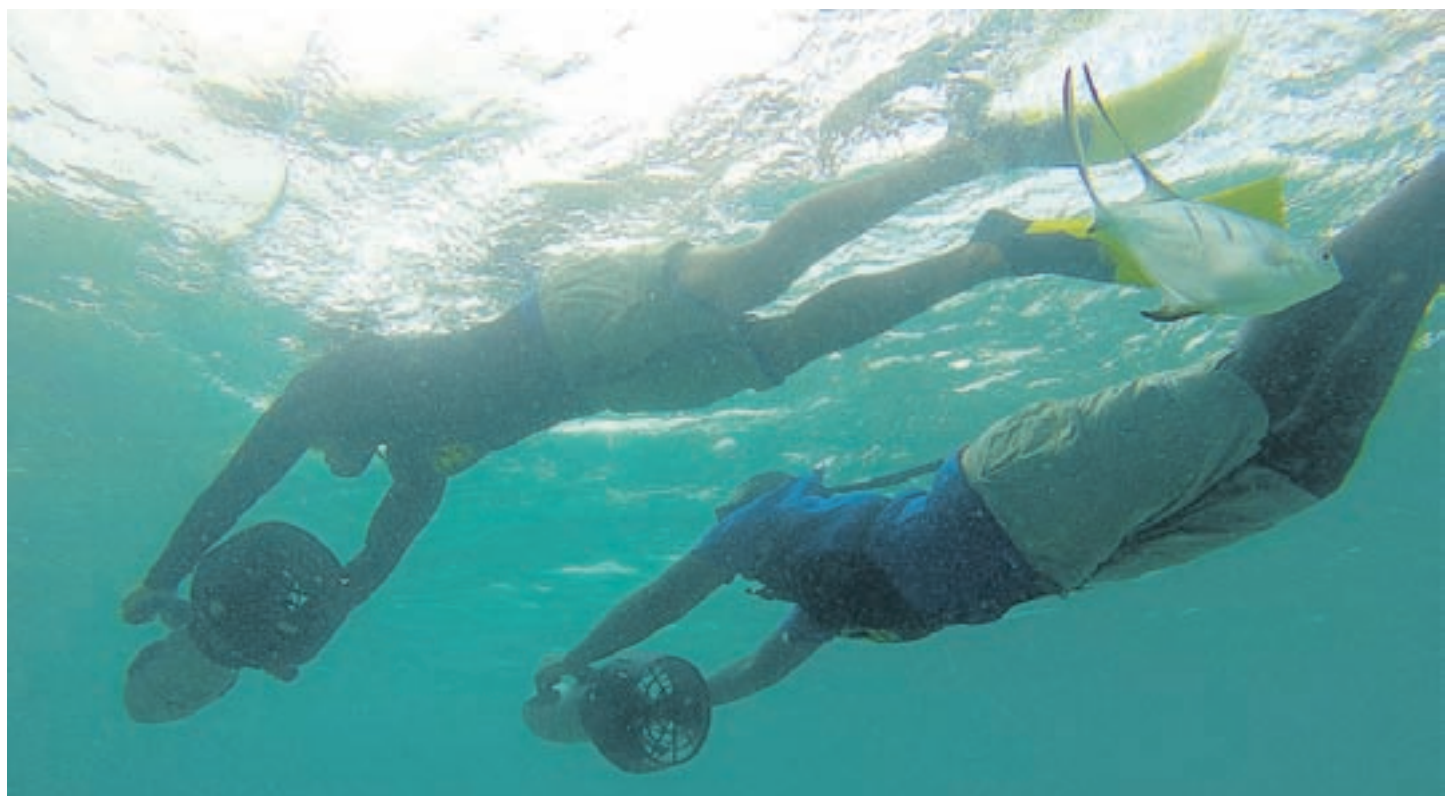


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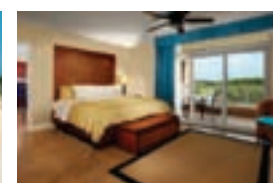
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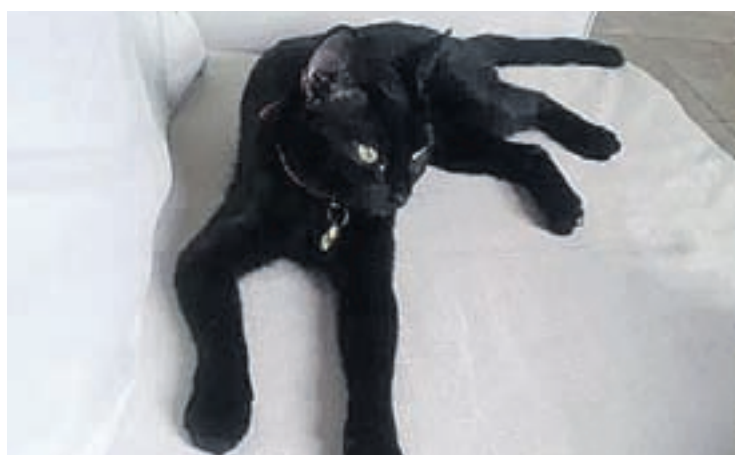
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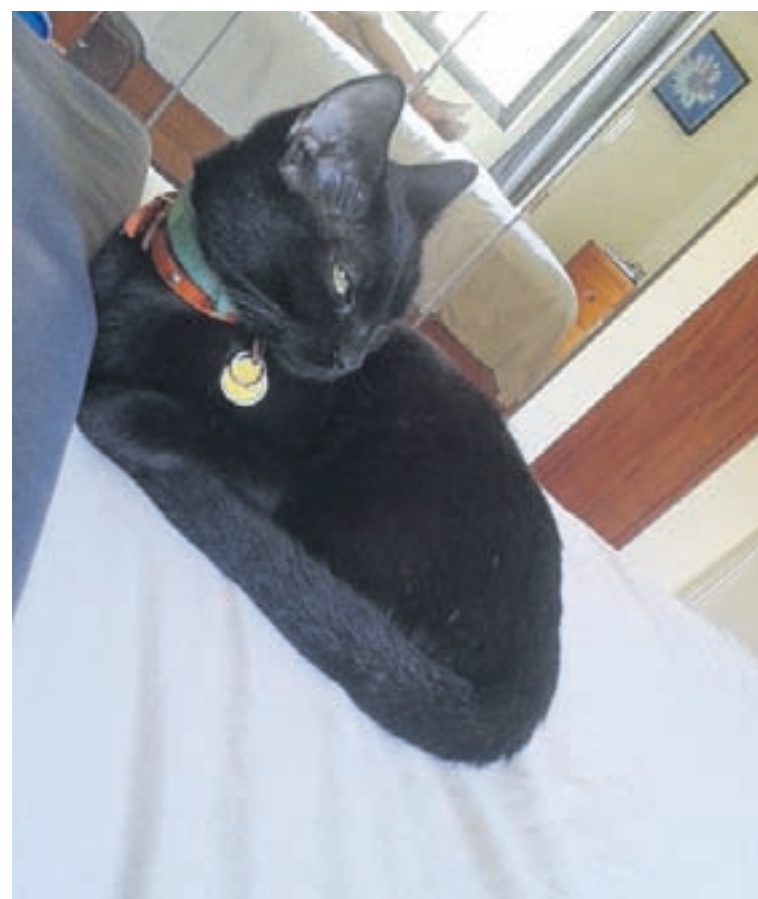
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# Royal Pain

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## ALCS Game 3 Postponed Because Of Rain

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Baltimore Orioles players run as rain falls after Game 3 of the American League baseball championship series against the Kansas City Royals was postponed Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

(AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)



New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz holds his knee after going down while chasing a pass against the Philadelphia Eagles during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Philadelphia.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

## GIANT PROBLEM

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**PHILADELPHIA** - With a recent three-game winning streak, the New York Giants had robustly climbed back into the NFC East race. The sturdy Giants had built credibility, displayed unity and resilience and proved that their new offensive system could operate successfully. Then the Giants went to Philadelphia. By the end of a 27-0 loss Sunday night, the Giants (3-3) no longer had a winning record; their newly revamped offensive line had allowed Eli Manning to be sacked six times and

his backup, Ryan Nassib, to be sacked eight times; the defense appeared overmatched; and one of the team's best players, wide receiver Victor Cruz, was most likely lost for the season with a torn patellar tendon in his right knee.

It was a staggering collective loss, and the thoroughness of the rout made the Giants seem unprepared, or underskilled, for the high echelon of play displayed by the Eagles (5-1), the defending division champions.

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# ALCS game 3 postponed because of rain

**DAVE SKRETTA**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)**

— Game 3 of the American League Championship Series between the Royals and Baltimore Orioles was postponed Monday because of steady rain that saturated Kauffman Stadium.

The game was rescheduled for Tuesday evening. Along with steady rain, wind gusts were buffeting the ballpark.

The forecast for Tuesday is cold and windy but dry, with weather improving the rest of the week.

"We want a game we know we can get through nine innings, hopefully play dry baseball, not risk player safety or uncomfortable fans," Major League Baseball Senior Vice President Peter Woodfork said about 4 hours before the scheduled first pitch.

The Royals, who lead the



Rain covers the American League logo on the dugout before of Game 3 of the American League baseball championship series Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. Game 3 was postponed till Tuesday due to heavy rain that is expected to fall in Kansas City tonight.

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

best-of-seven series 2-0, will keep former Orioles pitcher Jeremy Guthrie on the mound for Game 3.

The Orioles will start Wei-Yin Chen, as planned. After that, rotations become a little murky.

Royals manager Ned Yost said he'll decide before Tuesday night's game whether to stick with left-

hander Jason Vargas for Game 4 on Wednesday or call for an audible and pitch Game 1 starter James Shields on regular rest.

"Guthrie will throw tomorrow, and then we'll go from there," Yost said. "Shields can come back or if we feel like we want to give him another day, we can do that, too."

Orioles manager Buck Showalter was facing a similar conundrum.

Miguel Gonzalez was slated to start Game 4, but Chris Tillman could return on regular rest. He opposed Shields when the Royals beat the Orioles in extra innings in the series opener.

"He's on normal rest, so yeah, he's an option," Showalter said. "That'd be five (days), right? But I wouldn't commit to anything right now other than Chen and see where we are." □

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## Colorado Avalanche tops Boston Bruins 2-1

**The Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Daniel Briere scored his 300th career goal off a rebound with less than a second left in the third period to lift the Colorado Avalanche to a 2-1 win over the Boston Bruins on Monday.

Jamie McGinn also scored for the Avalanche, who had opened the season with two shutout losses. Backup goalie Reto Berra made 27 saves in his first start of the season.

Loui Eriksson had a power-play goal for the Bruins, who have lost three straight.

Boston backup goalie Niklas Svedberg played his first game of the season and made 28 saves.

The game appeared to be heading to overtime when Svedberg made a pair of stops in the closing minute. Briere, at the edge of the crease, fired the puck over

the sprawling goalie just before time expired after Jan Hejda's shot from the point. The clock read 0.0, but replays showed the puck crossed the goal line before time expired.

**DUCKS 5, SABRES 1**

**BUFFALO, New York (AP)** — William Karlsson scored his first two NHL goals to lead Anaheim past winless Buffalo.

Ryan Kessler scored on a third-period penalty shot, and Corey Perry and Matt Beleskey each had a goal during a one-sided game in which the Ducks outshot the Sabres 44-12.

The Ducks were so dominant — and Sabres so inept — that Anaheim was outshooting Buffalo 40-10 when Kessler beat goalie Michal Neuvirth with a low shot inside the left post with 7:35 remaining. □



Boston Bruins defenseman Dennis Seidenberg (44), of Germany, battles Colorado Avalanche's Matt Duchene (9) for the puck in the first period of an NHL hockey game in Boston, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

## Former boxing champion Leon Spinks hospitalized

**TIM DAHLBERG**

**AP Boxing Writer**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks is in a Las Vegas hospital after a second operation for abdominal problems.

The 61-year-old boxer, who catapulted to fame by beating Muhammad Ali in 1978, had the second surgery in recent days after complications from the first emergency surgery, his wife said.

"It's going to be a long road ahead, but he's strong and he's starting to recover," Brenda Spinks told The Associated Press.

Brenda Spinks said she doesn't know how long her husband will be hospitalized, but that she's optimistic about his recovery.

"There were complications after his first surgery, but everything has been fixed," she said.

Earlier, singer Tony Orlando sent out a tweet asking people to pray for Spinks, a good friend of his. Orlando wrote that Spinks was "facing the greatest fight of his life."

Spinks and younger brother Michael both won Olympic gold medals in 1976 in different weight classes and went on to become heavyweight champions. Leon's rise was meteoric — he got a shot at Ali and the heavyweight title on Feb. 15, 1978, after just seven pro fights.

Few in boxing — including Ali — gave Spinks any chance in the fight, but he used his energy and awkward



Former heavyweight boxing champion Leon Spinks waves during a Boxing Hall of Fame parade in Canastota, N.Y. Leon Spinks is in a Las Vegas hospital after a second operation for abdominal problems.

(AP Photo/Mike Groll)

style to frustrate Ali and win a 15-round split decision at the Las Vegas Hilton. But he lost the title back to Ali in their rematch

seven months later before more than 60,000 people at the Superdome in New Orleans.

"Ali thought I was a wimp

and I had to prove to him I wasn't," Spinks said recently. "I knew I could beat him after watching his fights."

Spinks would get one more chance at the title in 1981 against Larry Holmes, only to be stopped in the third round. He would never become the heavyweight champion again but fought until 1995, finishing with a career mark of 26-17-3.

Spinks was known to mix partying with training, and quickly burned through the big money he made early in his career. He would later move to Nebraska, where he worked as a custodian at a YMCA before moving to Las Vegas in 2011.

Spinks, who has slurred his words since his active boxing days. □



## European Roundup

# Netherlands, Italy and Belgium struggle at qualifiers

**ANDREW DAMPF**  
AP Sports Writer

**ROME (AP)** — The Netherlands fell to another surprising loss and fellow continental powers Italy and Belgium also struggled in European Championship qualifying Monday, while Croatia showed off its goal-scoring credentials. Meanwhile, Wales stayed atop Group B with a 2-1 win over Cyprus and is on course to qualify for its first major championship, with the 2016 tournament in France expanded to 24 teams for the first time. Swansea midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson scored both goals as Iceland beat the Netherlands 2-0 to hand coach Guus Hiddink his third loss in four matches since taking over after the World Cup.

The win kept Iceland perfect in three qualifiers and left it level atop Group A with the Czech Republic, which got its third straight win by beating Kazakhstan 4-2 in Almaty.

Italy labored to a 1-0 win at tiny Malta, where Graziano Pelle scored on his debut. The Azzurri are tied for the Group H lead with Croatia, which routed Azerbaijan 6-0.

Belgium trails Wales after a



**Bosnia's Muhamed Besic, left, fights for the ball with Eden Hazard of Belgium during the Euro 2016 Group B soccer qualifying match between Bosnia and Belgium at Stadium Bilino Polje in Zenica, Bosnia, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Amel Emric)

1-1 draw at Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The top two finishers from the nine groups qualify automatically. The best third-place team also qualifies automatically, and the other eight can qualify through a playoff.

### GROUP A

Iceland beat the Netherlands for the first time in 11 meetings to heap pressure on Hiddink.

Sigurdsson scored twice before the break. He converted from the penalty spot in the 10th after Stefan de Vrij had brought down Birkir Bjarnason and volleyed powerfully into the roof of the net in the 42nd after the Dutch defense failed to clear a corner.

"It really is painful that we lost here," said Dutch captain Robin van Persie. But he refused to blame Hiddink.

"Guus is a fantastic coach," Van Persie said. "We are all working as hard as we can to play well."

Turkey remained anchored to the bottom of the group with Kazakhstan after gaining its first point with a 1-1 draw at Latvia.

After opening its campaign with a 2-1 win over the Netherlands and beating Turkey by the same score on Friday, the Czechs wrapped up victory over

Kazakhstan inside an hour thanks to goals by Borek Dockal, David Lafata and Ladislav Krejci.

The hosts showed off their prowess at set pieces with two late goals by Yuri Logvinenko from corners, on either side of a fourth Czech strike from Tomas Necid.

In Latvia, Bilal Kisa opened the scoring for Turkey shortly after halftime with a long-range shot and Valerijs Sabala equalized with a 54th minute penalty.

### GROUP B

World Cup qualifier Bosnia-Herzegovina is in trouble after earning only two points from three games, allowing a victory over Belgium to slip away through the fingers of goalkeeper Asmir Begovic, who fumbled an easy second-half shot from Radja Nainggolan in a 1-1 home draw.

Meanwhile, Wales consolidated the lead in the group by beating Cyprus 2-1 to sit one point ahead of Israel, which swept past Andorra 4-1.

Wales has seven points from three games with Israel on six and Belgium on four from two games. Cyprus has three points. □

## America's Furyk looking ahead to Ryder Cup changes

**JOSH BALL**  
Associated Press

**SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda (AP)** — Jim Furyk thinks it's time for the Americans to think long term about the Ryder Cup.

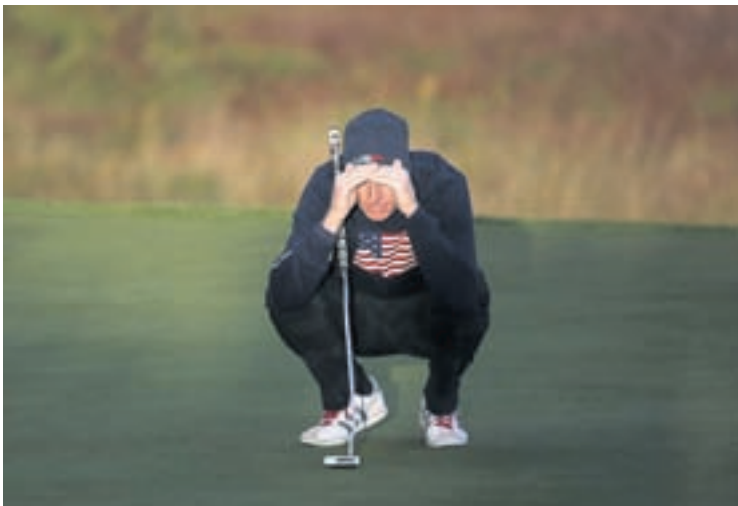
Furyk and Rory McIlroy both said Monday at the PGA Grand Slam of Golf that the public fallout from another American loss in the Ryder Cup last month at Gleneagles could be helpful. Europe now has won eight of the last 10 times.

The next Ryder Cup is at Hazeltine in 2016, though Furyk said the Americans need to look beyond that. "In the Ryder Cup, we have always talked about, 'We have got to win the next one.' I think we've got

to be a little more farsighted than that," Furyk said. "I think we need to look at the next 10 to 20 years of Ryder Cup golf. ... For the next 20 years we got 10 events. Let's think about maybe 5-5 is good, let's think about 6-4, let's think about 7-3. Let's go on the winning side of it."

"When we look back the last 20 years, it's probably a 2-8 type of deal," he said. "Let's reverse that tide and get it moving forward."

In the weeks since the most recent loss, various reports have painted an ugly picture of U.S. captain Tom Watson's heavy-handed style and old-school motivation. In an awkward and at times uncomfortable



**FILE-Jim Furyk of the US looks at his putt on the 1st green during the Ryder Cup golf tournament, at Gleneagles, Scotland, in this Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 file photo.**

(AP Photo/Scott Heppell)

able press conference at Gleneagles, Phil Mickelson raved about what worked in their last win in 2008 and that Watson ignored that

winning formula.

"In a way, it's not a bad thing that the PGA of America might start looking at the Ryder Cup a little dif-

ferently or trying to sort of come at it from a different angle," McIlroy said. "So in the end, it might not have been a bad thing to shake things up a little."

Furyk said the back-and-forth about the captain has been unfortunate.

"I think Rory is spot on," Furyk said. "The silver lining may be that it gives us a chance to have an open discussion. I want to look at the past, I want to see where we made our mistakes, and how we can get better."

The PGA of America is responsible for selecting the captain. It now wants to create a task force of past players and captains to find ways to improve. □





Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) during the first half of an NFL football game in Denver.  
(AP Photo/Joe Mahoney)

## Short of record, Manning takes nothing for granted

**KEN BELSON**

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**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** - Peyton Manning wanted to avoid what happened on the first play from scrimmage the last time he played at MetLife Stadium, in February.

In a play that set the tone for Super Bowl XLVIII, Manning had the first snap of the game sail over his head into his end zone, where it was recovered for a safety by the Seattle Seahawks, who went on to humiliate the Denver Broncos, 43-8. On the first play Sunday against the New York Jets, Manning tossed a 54-yard pass to Demaryius Thomas. The Broncos settled for a field goal, but it showed that Manning meant business. Unfortunately for the Jets, he didn't let up as the Broncos won, 31-17, to solidify their place atop the AFC West. Manning threw for 237 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

By Manning's standards, it was a pedestrian performance. He underthrew several receivers and handed off the ball more than usual, taking advantage of what the Jets' defense was giving him.

But when he needed to, Manning toyed with the Jets. He does that a lot these days. Last week in Denver, Manning threw for a personal-record 479 yards and four touchdowns against the Cardinals, who have one of the league's

better defenses.

Manning took nothing for granted this week. Before the Broncos left for New Jersey, he noted that the seemingly hapless Jets led the league in sacks and forced a lot of three-and-outs.

He was not being gratuitous. In something of a moral victory, the Jets stymied Manning often, sacking him twice and forcing him to rush many of his passes. Ronnie Hillman, the Broncos' rookie running back, ran for 100 yards while the Jets were busy guarding Manning's receivers. The Jets prevented Hillman from getting a key first down late in the game to keep the score close.

The Broncos didn't help themselves, either. They were penalized 11 times for 101 yards to just two for 9 yards for the Jets.

But ultimately, Manning reverted to form. With just under six minutes left in the second quarter, he threw a 1-yard score to Thomas, triggering cheers from the sizable number of Broncos fans in the stadium.

A few minutes later, he marched the Broncos back down the field with a series of sharp passes, the last to Julius Thomas for a 22-yard score.

"When we did execute, we moved the ball and scored touchdowns," Manning said. "They were dropping some defenders, and I think that's why the running game opened up. □

## Cruz's injury is final insult for Giants

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The Giants were virtually never in the game, falling behind by 10 points in the opening quarter and by 20 at halftime.

"We got outplayed, and they were the more physical team," Manning said. "It was a good reminder. You can't just show up on the field and expect things to go your way automatically."

Of Cruz's injury, Manning said: "You never want to see a guy go down. It's tough, especially for a buddy of mine."

Cruz was injured at the end of the only sequence when the Giants threatened a serious rally. Trailing by 20-0 in the third quarter, the Giants had the ball at the Eagles' 21-yard line after an interception

and remained on the field until he was lifted into a cart and wheeled from the field. He was surrounded by players from both teams and later admitted to a Philadelphia hospital. The team said he would return to New Jersey on Monday. Cruz, a team captain and one of the team's most popular players, is a stalwart of the Giants' passing attack. While the rookie Odell Beckham Jr. has shown promise and the third-year wide receiver Rueben Randle has improved this season, Cruz has provided the veteran presence and has been Manning's most trusted and productive receiver.

"It's a huge loss," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "The players have a lot of respect for Victor. Every-

of the Giants' secondary with effective short passes. The Eagles' first drive resulted in a field goal. On their next possession, their offense operated at a frantic pace as the Giants struggled to keep up. The Giants were consistently a step behind, and soon the Eagles were in scoring position again. Foles, who completed 21 of 34 passes for 248 yards on the night, lofted a perfect pass to the right edge of the end zone, where Zach Ertz dove to his left to make a 15-yard touchdown reception. Ertz was covered tightly by Giants cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, but Foles' pass was placed where only Ertz could make the catch.

Offensively, the Giants looked even more over-



New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz, left, is carted off the field after an injury during the second half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Philadelphia.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

by cornerback Zack Bowman. The Giants soon had a first down at the 7, but after three more plays, they were only at the 3.

Going for it on fourth down, Manning lofted a pass to the right corner of the end zone for Cruz, who twisted his body to get in position to make the catch. Cruz's right knee buckled slightly as he went for the pass, and the ball caromed off his hands for an incomple-

tion. Cruz grabbed his right knee before he hit the turf

one grieved. It wasn't a good scene."

Cruz's injury clearly demoralized the Giants, who stumbled through a lifeless, scoreless final quarter. While the Giants had more energy earlier in the game, they were no more productive.

The Eagles dominated from the beginning as their offensive line opened gaping holes for LeSean McCoy, who had 149 rushing yards on 22 carries. Philadelphia quarterback Nick Foles attacked the middle

whelmed than they did defensively. In the first half, they had trouble getting their plays off before the play clock expired, once having to call a timeout and another time receiving a delay-of-game penalty. Worse for the Giants, the offensive line could not handle the Philadelphia pass rush. Time and again, Manning was hurried in the pocket, and he rarely had room to step into his throws. Manning completed 13 of 23 passes for only 151 yards. □



## Your Health: Compulsions That Can't Be Ignored

JANE E. BRODY

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In the 1997 film "As Good As It Gets," Jack Nichol-

kitchen equipment always put back the same way in the same place; two large freezers packed with foods

pulsive rituals does not give them pleasure and only temporarily relieves their anxiety, resulting in a need to re-enact them again and again. Both the obsessive thoughts and resulting compulsions can take up an inordinate amount of time, making it impossible to meet the demands of a normal life. Kelly's daily struggles with his illness, as revealed in his journal, did not fully come to light until after his untimely death.

In a recent article in The New England Journal of Medicine intended to better inform doctors about the disorder, Dr. Jon E. Grant, a psychiatrist at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, described a 19-year-old man who "washes his hands a hundred times a day, will not touch anything that has been touched by someone else without scrubbing it first, and has a fear of germs that has left him isolated in his bedroom, unable to eat, and wishing he were dead."

Over just two years, the man's disorder had "gradually become completely disabling," the man's father reported.

Between 1 and 3 percent of people will develop OCD, starting in childhood or young adulthood. Often the condition is hereditary, though its severity can vary greatly within a family.

Although what causes OCD is still poorly understood, Grant noted that abnormalities in several brain structures and functions seem to be involved, including deficits in certain cognitive abilities, like being able to change behavior based on new information. Without proper treatment, the condition is unlikely to resolve on its own. The earlier it is diagnosed and treated, the better the results. "Only approximately one third of patients with OCD receive appropriate pharmacotherapy, and fewer than 10 percent receive evidence-based psychotherapy," Grant wrote.

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**Obsessive compulsive disorder is characterized by intrusive and disturbing thoughts that compel the sufferer to engage in ritualistic, irrational behaviors to relieve the resulting anxiety. OCD intrudes into the lives of sufferers, but it can be treated.**

(Lisa Haney/The New York Times)

son portrays Melvin Udall, a middle-aged man with obsessive-compulsive disorder who avoids stepping on cracks, locks doors and flips light switches exactly five times, and washes his hands repeatedly, each time tossing out the new bar of soap he used. He brings wrapped plastic utensils to the diner where he eats breakfast at the same table every day.

Though the film is billed as a romantic comedy, Melvin's disorder is nothing to laugh about. OCD is often socially, emotionally and vocationally crippling. It can even be fatal.

Four years ago, John C. Kelly, 24, killed himself in Irvington, New York, after a long battle with a severe form of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Kelly was a devoted baseball player, and now friends hold an annual softball tournament to raise money for the foundation established in his honor to increase awareness of the disorder. Obsessive thoughts and compulsive behaviors occur in almost every life from time to time. I have a fair share of compulsive patterns: seasonings arranged in strict alphabetical order;

just in case I need them. I hold onto a huge collection of plastic containers, neatly stacked with their covers, and my closets bulge with clothes and shoes I haven't worn in years, and probably never will again - yet cannot bring myself to give away. But these common habits fall far short of the distressing obsessions and compulsions that are the hallmarks of OCD: intrusive, disturbing thoughts or fears that cannot be ignored and compel the sufferer to engage in ritualistic, irrational behaviors to relieve the resulting anxiety. An excessive fear of germs may prompt repetitive hand-washing or a refusal to touch doorknobs or use objects handled by another person. But the rituals may be unrelated to the anxieties that trigger them: opening and closing doors an exact number of times, for example, or stepping over every crack or line, or counting to a certain number before performing an activity. People with OCD know that their thoughts and actions are not realistic, but they cannot stop themselves from behaving as if they were grounded in fact. Performing com-

## Smoking-related illnesses in U.S. total 14M, report finds

Dennis Thompson

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**MONDAY, Oct. 13, 2014** (HealthDay News) - Cigarette smoking accounts for approximately 14 million major medical conditions that plague the lives of U.S. adults, according to a new government report.

"For each annual death, there are 15 to 20 people living with major disease caused by smoking," said senior study author Terry Pechacek, associate director for science at the office on smoking and health of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Smoking not only will kill you, it will damage your health and make your life worse."

Smoking harms nearly every organ in the body, often causing multiple serious illnesses such as emphysema, diabetes and colon cancer, according to the report from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the CDC.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the illness most tightly linked to smoking, researchers report. About 7.5 million U.S. adults suffer from smoking-related COPD, which makes it harder and harder to draw breath as time passes.

But the study, published Oct. 13 in JAMA Internal Medicine, also links smoking to:

2.3 million cases of heart attack

1.3 million cases of cancer

1.2 million cases of stroke

1.8 million cases of diabetes.

The researchers said their findings regarding diabetes are particularly concerning.

"We've known for quite a while that smoking makes diabetes outcomes worse, and diabetics who smoke are really placing themselves at great risk," Pechacek said. "But if people smoke who have a tendency toward diabetes, are pre-diabetic, they are at a much higher risk of progressing to full diabetes."

"Smoking causes diabetes and makes it much worse," he said. "People are not aware of that."

The study relied on data gathered from two national health surveys from 2006 through 2012 to produce the first estimate of smoking-related illness since 2000, when the CDC estimated that 8.6 million people had 12.7 million major medical conditions caused by smoking.

This time they found that 6.9 million U.S. adults had a combined 10.9 million smoking-related medical conditions. Then they factored in COPD estimates and concluded that U.S. adults had a combined 14 million smoking-related illnesses in 2009.

"The implication is that smoking causes more harm than we previously thought, much of it in chronic pulmonary obstructive disease," said Dr. Steven Schroeder, a professor of medicine at University of California, San Francisco and head of its Smoking Cessation Leadership Center. "When you think about how smoking hurts you, people usually think about deaths first, and then those who are sick. There is much more lifetime illness related to smoking."

Schroeder said he was surprised that researchers found even though women have a lower overall rate of smoking than men, they have a higher rate of COPD. An estimated 4.3 million female smokers have COPD, compared with 3.2 million male smokers.

"Part of it might be that women may be more susceptible to getting pulmonary disease when they smoke," he said. "It also might be that they live longer, and so have an enhanced lifetime risk." □



# Banks harvest callers' voiceprints to fight fraud

**RAPHAEL SATTER**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP) — "This call may be monitored."**

You hear it every time you phone your bank about a lost credit card or an unexpected charge. You may realize your bank is recording you, but did you know it could be taking your biometric data, too?

An Associated Press investigation has found that two of America's biggest retail banks — JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Wells Fargo & Co. — are quietly recording the biometric details of some callers' voices to weed out fraud.

The technology, sometimes called voiceprinting, is aimed at bad guys rather than legitimate customers, but legal and privacy experts alike still have reservations about the practice. "Reducing fraud is a good thing," said Jay Stanley, an analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union. But he warned that "we can't anticipate what bright new uses this database will be put to in the future."

Blacklists help banks by alerting them to repeat calls from clever crooks who try to break into people's accounts armed with personal data gleaned from credit bureau reports or stolen in high-profile cyberattacks like the ones which have rocked Target and other major U.S. retailers.

Mark Lazar, a vice president at Verint Systems Inc., said that when combined with other fraud detection techniques, voice biometric blacklists were effectively blocking the bad guys from banks' call centers.

"Within a few months we see a 90 percent reduction in the types of calls these fraudsters are making," he said.

The technology is winning converts fast. Avivah Litan, an analyst with technology research firm Gartner, estimates that by next year, 25 major U.S. call centers will be using some form of voiceprint technology, a five-fold increase over last year.

As it stands, seven major American financial institutions are already using blacklists or have run pilots, said Shirley Inscoe, an ana-

pening."

Many governments and businesses use voiceprinting openly.

A recent AP survey of 10

But fighting fraud happens more discreetly.

One person familiar with Verint's deployment said that the company's tech-

based bank struck a deal for a similar voice biometric blacklist provided by Israel-based NICE Systems Ltd. NICE and Verint declined to comment on their customers.

Chase and Wells Fargo declined to comment in any detail on their fraud prevention strategies.

Chase spokeswoman Patricia Wexler said the company was "exploring many types of biometric authentication," but did not use voice biometric technology with customers. She declined to say whether the company was using the technology to screen calls for suspected criminals.

At Wells Fargo, spokeswoman Natalie M. Brown said "... sharing any information about our fraud prevention measures would jeopardize their effectiveness."

Banks may run into trouble when they deploy voice biometric technology secretly, legal experts say. That's because some states, such as Illinois and Texas, restrict the collection or sharing of biometric data.

A confidential company memo obtained by the AP provides some insight into companies' attempts to build legal cover for their work.



**Lee Sirgoo, CEO at DaumKakao which owns Kakao Talk, listens to a question during a press conference in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. Popular South Korean messaging app Kakao Talk said it will stop cooperating with authorities seeking to access private messages as part of a government crackdown on online criticism.**

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

lyst with the Aite Group, a research and advisory firm. Inscoe declined to identify the institutions, but said they largely saw them as a quiet and effective way of dealing with fraud.

"It's in the background. It doesn't affect the call in any way," said Inscoe. "Nobody even knows it's hap-

pening." Many governments and businesses use voiceprinting openly. A recent AP survey of 10 leading voice biometric vendors found that more than 65 million people worldwide have had their voiceprints taken, and that several banks, including Barclays PLC in Britain and Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp, are in the process of introducing their customers to the technology.

nology has been at work at Chase's credit card arm since last year, when Verint's predecessor, Victrio, was helping screen roughly 1 million calls a month.

Two people familiar with how the technology is being used at Wells Fargo said the San Francisco-

## Korean chat app vows to protect user privacy

**YOUKYUNG LEE**

**AP Technology Writer**

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —**

Popular South Korean messaging app Kakao Talk said Monday it will stop fully cooperating with authorities seeking to access private messages as part of a government crackdown on online criticism.

Lee Sirgoo, CEO at Daum-Kakao which owns Kakao Talk, apologized for its initial handling of privacy issues at a news conference called at short notice by the company. The government's recent announcement of stern punishment for what it called online rumors prompted many South Koreans to switch



**Benoit Fauve, a speech scientist with a voice recognition technology company ValidSoft, points to a screen displaying the voice biometric features of a telephone call during a demonstration at the company's office in central London. An Associated Press investigation has found that two of America's biggest retail banks, Chase and Wells Fargo, are quietly taking some callers' voiceprints to fight fraud.**

(AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis)

from Kakao Talk to foreign messaging services. Kakao Talk will introduce new privacy features to protect the information of its users, he said. Next year, it will begin deleting messages from its servers as soon as they have been read by the intended recipients. The company said it could face legal sanction by refusing to cooperate with warrants. The popular mobile messenger app initially said it would collaborate with authorities and declined to disclose the number of court-approved search requests it received, only to disclose the figures last week after criticism mounted.



# Wall Street slides; Airlines, energy stocks drop

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AP Business Writer

The stock market couldn't shake off a case of the jitters from last week and closed sharply lower again on Monday.

Airlines, energy and materials stocks were among the biggest decliners. The market is coming off its biggest weekly decline in more than two years.

continues to weaken, the U.S. is not going to be able to sustained the kind of momentum we've been gaining since the first quarter," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. "That's the worry." A late slide in the last half-hour of trading came after an otherwise calm day in the markets. Index futures had pointed to a higher

erick, managing director of trading and derivatives at Schwab Center for Financial Research.

Many traders follow these levels to give them an indication about the near-term direction of the market.

In this case, the S&P 500 closed below 1,905, the 200-day moving average price for the index. The index had traded above the

to continue for a few more weeks yet.

All told, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 223.03, or 1.4 percent, to 16,321.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 31.39, or 1.7 percent, to 1,874.74.

The Nasdaq slid 62.58 points, or 1.5 percent, to 4,213.66.

The VIX, a measure of volatility that is commonly called Wall Street's "fear index," climbed 12.7 percent to 23.95, its highest level since June 2012.

All of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 fell, led by energy with a decline of 2.9 percent. Utilities, a safe-play sector, fell the least, just 0.1 percent. The downturn leaves the S&P 500 up just 1.4 percent for the year and down 6.8 percent from its recent peak of 2,011.36 reached on Sept. 18.

The Dow went negative for the year on Friday and is now down 1.5 percent for 2014 and 5.5 percent below its September peak. Small-company stocks have fared much worse than the rest of the market as investors shun investments seen as more speculative. The Russell 2000 index has fallen 13.2 percent since July.

Airline stocks had some of the biggest declines on Monday. That sector has received a drubbing from investors recently as worries mount that the outbreak of the Ebola virus will curb travel spending. Concerns about a slowing global economy have also hurt the stocks. □



A screen above the trading floor shows the closing number for the Dow Jones industrial average, at the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. Stocks ended sharply lower after a late-afternoon slide. The losses extended a downturn in the market last week which gave indexes their worst weekly performance in more than two years. The Dow slumped 222 points, or 1.4 percent, to close at 16,321.07 Monday. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Many investors remain concerned that economic growth in Europe and Asia could be slowing. A meeting of Eurozone finance ministers in Luxembourg didn't appear to ease those concerns.

A measure of volatility soared, indicating investors are getting increasingly nervous. "There is a sense that ... the U.S. maybe can't go it alone, that if global growth

open in premarket trading early Monday, then the market opened lower and wavered for much of the day between small gains and losses.

The late wave of selling was likely triggered by automated trading programs that started selling stocks when it became clear that the S&P 500 would close below an important technical level, said Randy Fred-

average since November, 2012, gaining 36 percent.

"We've broken down to a point where we haven't been for a long, long time," Frederick said.

Frederick still thinks the stock market will avoid a "correction." That's Wall Street talk for a drop of 10 percent or more, something that hasn't happened since October 2011. Frederick is expecting the recent volatility

## Ellison named the latest CEO at J.C. Penney

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J.C. Penney on Monday named a Home Depot executive, Marvin Ellison, as president and as its next chief executive, tapping a seasoned retail hand as it struggles to assure investors that its most recent turnaround will be lasting.

Ellison, currently executive vice president for stores at Home Depot, will join Penney's on Nov. 1 and will also be a board member. He will succeed Myron E. Ullman III as chief executive on Aug. 1, 2015, when Ullman will become executive chairman for one year, the company said.

As head of U.S. stores, Ellison played a central role in reversing shrinking sales at Home Depot. Before his 12-year tenure there, Ellison served for 15 years in various positions at Target.

"Over the course of his career, he has proven his ability to produce results by improving operations, building customer loyalty, and motivating his teams," Ullman said of Ellison in a news release. For his part, Ellison said that J.C. Penney was "moving in the right direction" and that as CEO he would focus "on positioning the company to compete in a rapidly changing retail environment."

J.C. Penney has been trying to chart a growth path by undoing many of the changes introduced by a former chief, Ron Johnson, who tried to inject some pizzazz into the century-old retailer with designer boutiques and fewer discounts. When Johnson's effort backfired and saddled J.C. Penney with heavy losses, the retailer brought back Ullman, who had led the chain from 2004 to 2011.

At an analyst briefing last week, Ullman emphasized that since his return to J.C. Penney in April 2013, the retailer's business had stabilized. He also laid out strategies that he said would add \$2 billion to the retailer's sales during the next three years, including refocusing on private brands like its St. John's Bay line of womenswear. □

## Iliad abandons effort to gain control of T-Mobile

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Iliad, the upstart French telecommunications company, said Monday that it was ending its attempt to take over T-Mobile US, the big American wireless carrier. It said it was doing so despite having raised both the size of the stake it was willing to acquire and the price it was willing to pay. In July, Iliad said it had offered \$15 billion for 56.6 percent of T-Mobile US, a surprising move that announced the global ambitions of Iliad, which has dis-

rupted the market for cellphone plans in France. At the time, the offer also complicated fledgling merger talks between T-Mobile US and Sprint that would have created a true third rival to Verizon Wireless and AT&T, the two largest American cellphone carriers.

T-Mobile US rejected the bid from Iliad, and talks with Sprint fell apart later in the summer. And on Monday, Iliad said it would not continue its pursuit of T-Mobile US.

In a statement, Iliad said it decided to end its efforts

"following exchanges with Deutsche Telekom and selected board members of T-Mobile US who have refused to entertain its new offer." Deutsche Telekom still owns a large stake in T-Mobile US, but was apparently uninterested in talks with the French company even after it said it sweetened its offer. Iliad said Monday that it was willing to acquire 67 percent of T-Mobile US, up from the original 56.6 percent, and that it was prepared to pay \$36 a share, up from its original offer of \$33 a share.

Shares of T-Mobile US fell nearly 3 percent in midday trading on Monday.

"Iliad had the ambition to accelerate T-Mobile US' transformation, notably by saving more than \$2 billion of cost annually," Iliad said in a statement. "This transaction would have created significant value for both Iliad's and T-Mobile US' shareholders. The Iliad Group will continue its profitable growth policy as it has been conducted over the last 15 years in the interest of its subscribers, employees and shareholders." □



# Growth slows in China passenger vehicle sales

**BEIJING (AP)** — Growth in China's car sales slowed again in September while the country's own auto brands increased their market share slightly.

An industry group said Monday that sales of passenger vehicles in the world's biggest auto market rose 6.4 percent in September from a year earlier, slowing from 8 percent growth in August.

Global automakers are looking to China to drive global sales but growth has slowed steadily from May's rate of 13.9 percent as the world's second largest economy cools.

The China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said total sales, including trucks and buses, rose 2.5 percent over September 2013 to 1.98 million vehicles.

Passenger car sales totaled 1.69 million vehicles in September, up from 1.5 million in August.

Sales growth for foreign brands has largely outstripped that of their Chinese counterparts, but local models sold at a faster rate in September, allowing a small increase in market share. The market share of Chinese brands rose to 38.5

percent in September from 37.1 percent in August and was up 0.2 percent from a year earlier.

German brands held a 19.8 percent share of the market in September, Japanese brands held 14.9 percent, American brands 13.6 percent, Korean brands 9 percent and French brands 3.9 percent.

In comparison, General

Motors Co. said sales of GM brand vehicles by the company and its local partners rose 15.2 percent to 319,936 vehicles. The company said that was a record for September and the second-best month for sales this year. That brought its sales for the year to almost 2.6 million vehicles, an increase of 11.6 percent over the same period last year. □

# Fiat Chrysler shares close down in 1st day on NYSE

**DETROIT (AP)** — Shares of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles bounced between negative and positive Monday after making their debut on the New York Stock Exchange.

The newly merged company's stock, traded under the symbol FCAU, opened at \$9 and rose quickly to \$9.55 before falling much of the day. The stock closed at \$8.92 as the Dow Jones industrial average slumped 222 points in a late slide.

The company began trading in New York to raise its profile and give U.S. investors a chance to own part of the Chrysler comeback story. The stock will also trade in Milan, Italy.

Chrysler is now profitable, driven by a rebound in U.S. sales, five years after a trip through bankruptcy and a takeover by Fiat orchestrated by the U.S. government. But that performance is offset by Fiat's struggles in Europe. Fiat Chrysler is the seventh-largest auto company in the world, and Marchionne wanted the merger to con-

solidate costs and technology to compete with larger global automakers.

Fiat Chrysler has an ambitious goal to grow sales 60

trucks last year, compared with 6.3 million for Detroit rival Ford. Toyota was the global leader with sales of 9.98 million vehicles.

by investors. He told CNBC that the same naysayers who thought Chrysler would go out of business five years ago are

Romeo will come to the U.S. in June of 2015, without giving details. Alfa's first U.S. vehicle in years, the 4C sports car, is headed for the U.S. now, he said.

Only a limited number of shares went on sale Monday, mainly from Italian stockholders. The company released details of a new share structure Monday, swapping Fiat SpA shares 1-for-1 for stock in the new company. The company also holds 35 million shares and could sell them later in the year.

Marchionne said the company will certainly tap the debt markets and could also sell more stock to raise cash to protect itself from a downturn.

In an interview, Morningstar senior analyst Richard Hilgert said Fiat Chrysler faces macroeconomic troubles in Europe and South America, its two largest markets outside the U.S. Also, earnings likely will look smaller as the company switches from international to U.S. accounting standards, he said. □



**The Fiat Chrysler Automobiles banner is raised across the facade of the New York Stock Exchange, behind an Alfa Romeo 4C, foreground, Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. Shares of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles jumped as the market opened Monday, but fell later in the morning after making their debut on the New York Stock Exchange.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

percent to more than 7 million cars and trucks by 2018. Combined, the companies sold 4.4 million cars and

Marchionne, in television interviews during the day, said that auto stocks in general are under-valued

the ones doubting his sales projections now.

On Bloomberg Television, he said a new midsize Alfa

# Targa Resources buying Atlas Pipeline, Atlas Energy

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Targa Resources is buying Atlas Pipeline Partners and Atlas Energy in a deal valued at close to \$6 billion, creating a huge energy transportation and storage company.

Targa Resources Partners LP, based in Houston, will pay \$4 billion and assume \$1.8 billion in debt for Atlas Pipeline. Each Atlas Pipeline unitholder will receive 0.5846 units of Targa Resources Partners and a one-time cash payment

of \$1.26 per Atlas Pipeline unit for total consideration of \$38.66 per Atlas Pipeline unit.

Current Targa Resources Partners unitholders will own about 66 percent of the combined partnership, and current Atlas Pipeline unitholders will own approximately 34 percent.

With the deal, Targa will add Woodford/SCOOP, Mississippi Lime and Eagle Ford and additional Permian assets to its existing

Permian, Bakken, Barnett, and Louisiana Gulf Coast operations.

Atlas Pipeline is based in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Atlas Energy LP will spin off its non-midstream assets before the buyout. The acquisition of Atlas Energy consists of \$610 million in cash and 10.35 million Targa Resources Corp. shares valued at approximately \$1.26 billion.

Current Targa Resources Corp. shareholders will own about 80 percent of

the business, with Atlas Energy unitholders owning approximately 20 percent. The acquisitions are contingent on each other. The transactions will close concurrently.

The boards of each respective business have approved the deals. The Atlas Pipeline transaction is subject to the approval of the holders of a majority of the limited partner interests in the business. The Atlas Energy deal is subject to the approval of the

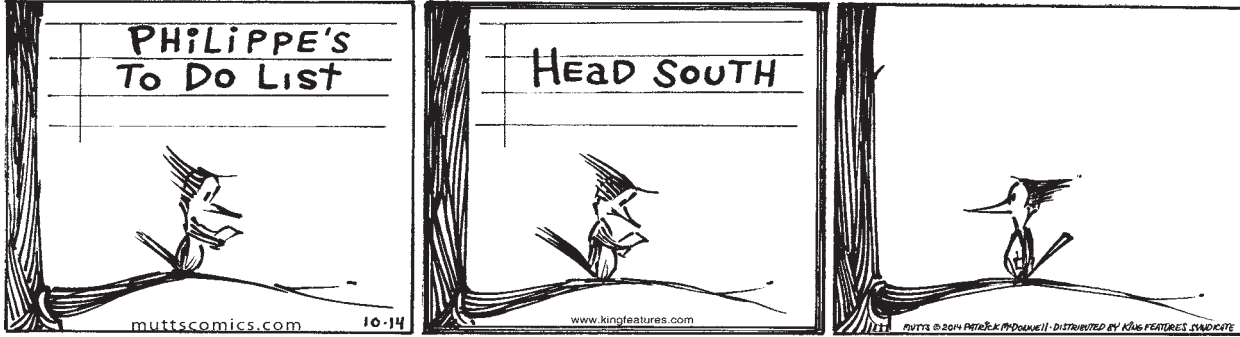
holders of the limited partner interests in the business and the holders of the shares of common stock of the company.

The transactions are expected to close early next year.

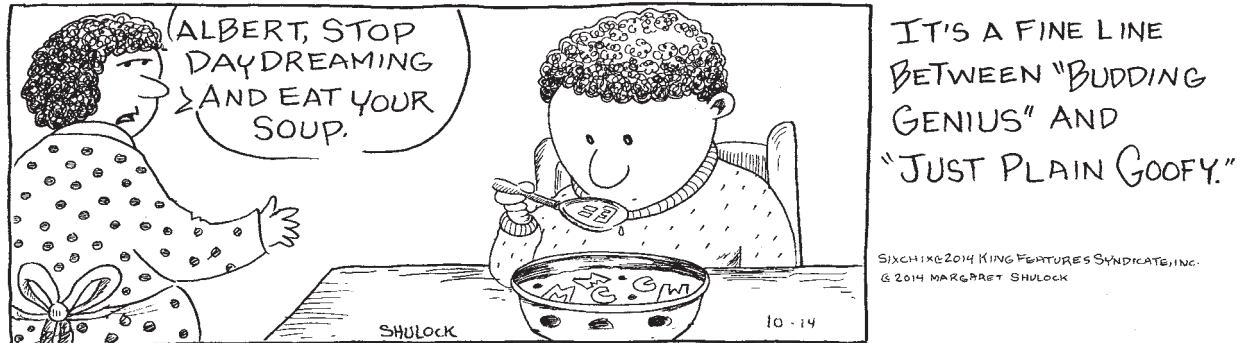
Atlas Energy's stock jumped \$6.59, or 20.3 percent, to \$39 before the market opened Monday. Shares of Atlas Pipeline rose \$4.39, or 13.1 percent, to \$38.01. Shares of Targa Resources Corp. gained \$1.35 to \$123. □



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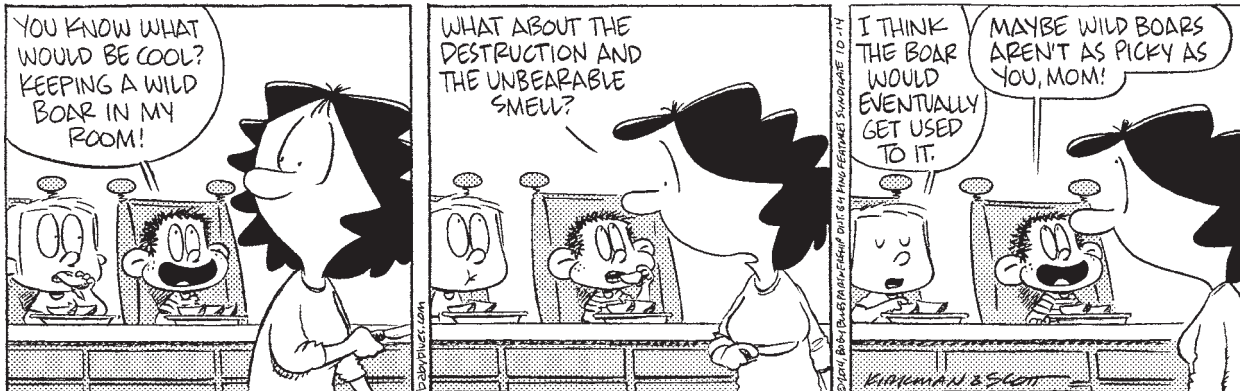
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

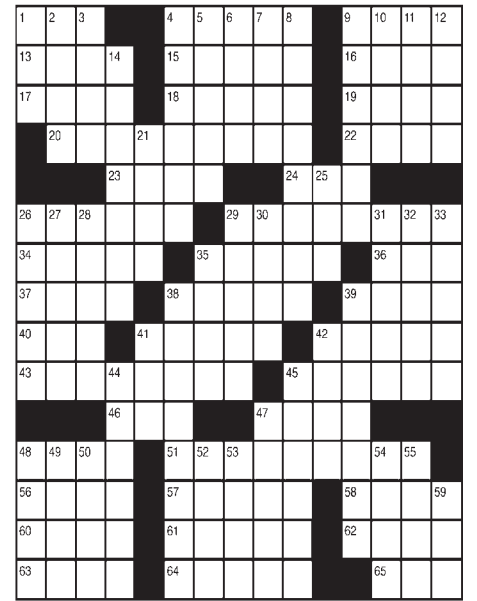
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## ACROSS

- "It's a \_\_\_!", new parents' news
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- Q-tip, for one
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- Loosen bindings
- Canary's home
- Blab; spill the beans
- Hateful feeling
- Took advantage of
- Comforted
- Damsel
- Spades or diamonds
- Distance across the pool
- Breathing disorder
- \_\_\_ with; making eyes at
- Footwear
- Practical joke
- Golfer's peg
- \_\_\_ over; deliver
- Taking to court
- Give a heads up to
- Samuel's teacher
- Wiped out
- Ointment
- Cloistered
- Soup servers' implements
- Chopping tool
- Peddle
- Messy person
- Dried up
- Gigantic
- Rib
- Made wide cuts
- Totals
- Floating zoo?
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- Layered rock
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- Know-\_\_\_; smarty-pants
- Chutzpah
- Autry & Wilder
- Immaculate

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- Wager



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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

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## In new theme park: SpiderMan may soon swing over Beijing



Tom Williams, chairman and chief executive officer of the Universal Parks and Resorts, stands next to a movie character called the Minion after he unveiled an artist's impression of the Universal Beijing theme park in Beijing Monday, Oct. 13, 2014. China has approved the development of a \$3.3 billion Universal theme park in Beijing, marking the first major foreign-owned theme park in the Chinese capital.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

**BEIJING (AP)** — Spider-Man could soon swing over Beijing, chasing Optimus Prime and despicable minions through a \$3.3 billion Universal theme park aimed at capitalizing on China's rising middle class and growing demand for all things animated.

China has been a major booster of animated movies such as "Transformers: Age of Extinction" — which was partly filmed in China — and "The Amazing Spider-Man 2." Brand is becoming more important to Chinese market as its middle class pours cash into entertainment, and malls and parks across China are installing animation and

cartoon-themed attractions to woo visitors, says global architecture firm

AECOM.

The Chinese film industry is set to overtake the U.S. box office in the next three years, leading to more demand for Western entertainment, said Gary Goddard, founder of entertainment design firm Goddard Group in North Hollywood, California.

The rising middle and upper classes "all have money to spend and they want to spend time together with their families," he said.

The 1,000-acre Beijing park will include attractions from other Universal parks, rides that reflect China's cultural heritage, a Universal City-Walk entertainment zone and a Universal-themed resort hotel. It will be the third Universal park in Asia, joining others in Singapore and Osaka, Japan.

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## Venture Capitalists Return to Backing Hard-Core Science

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Vestaron makes an eco-friendly pesticide derived from spider venom. Bagaveev uses 3-D printers to make rocket engines for nanosatellites. Transatomic Power is developing a next-generation reactor that runs on nuclear waste. They all have one thing in common: money from Silicon Valley venture capitalists.

After years of shying away from science, engineering and clean-technology startups, investors are beginning to take an interest in them again, raising hopes among entrepreneurs in those areas that a long slump is finally over. But these startups face intense pressure to prove that their science can turn a profit more quickly than hot tech companies like Snapchat and Uber.

In August, the Founders Fund, which has backed social networks like Facebook and Yammer and the streaming-music service Spotify, announced a \$2 million investment in Transatomic Power of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Days earlier, Y Combinator, known for aiding Web and mobile-app startups like the social news site Reddit and the game maker Omgpop, took part in a \$1.5 million early investment in Helion Energy, which is developing an engine powered by nuclear fusion.

And last month, Google said it was buying Lift Labs, a San Francisco biotechnology startup that makes a high-tech spoon for people with hand tremors.

"We're trying to revolu-

tionize pesticides," said John Sorenson, a former genetics researcher and Vestaron's chief executive, who for years struggled to find investors as he

watched other startups, like Snapchat and Square, raise many millions of dollars. Vestaron finally closed its third round of financing last month.

"Thankfully, venture funders are starting to invest again in real, hard-core science and innovation," Sorenson said.

Overall, industrial and energy startups attracted \$1.24 billion in venture capital financing in the first half of 2014, more than twice as much as in the period a year earlier, according to statistics from the National Venture Capital Association. Still, investment

remains well below peaks reached in 2008, when industrial and energy startups attracted \$4.64 billion. Investment in biotechnology startups rose 26 percent in the first half of 2014, to \$2.93 billion, from the period a year earlier and is on track to exceed the 2008 peak of \$5.14 billion.

The investments are still dwarfed by the money pouring into other kinds of technology companies, especially those offering Web and mobile services. Software startups attracted \$11.2 billion in venture capital financing last year, 85 percent more than in 2008.

Investors partly feel betrayed by the billions of dollars they lost on the clean-tech boom and bust, when backers of solar panels, algae biofuels and futuristic batteries promised to change the world, but the companies mostly flopped.

That experience has made investors wary of science-based startups with long development timelines in still nascent or heavily regulated markets.

But there is a growing feeling, investors say, that Silicon Valley has been avoiding the world's more difficult problems, a sentiment captured by a Founders Fund motto: "We wanted flying cars, instead we got 140 characters."

That unease is compounded by a sense that the field of consumer Internet companies has become impossibly crowded. To succeed, investors say, a company must break away from the pack.

"I'm just so interested in anything that gets me closer to an Iron Man suit," said Adam Draper,

the chief executive and founder of Boost VC.

One of the companies that Boost has mentored or coached is Bagaveev, a startup using 3-D printers to make rocket engines that launch nanosatellites, a type of satellite that may weigh as little as a couple of pounds, into orbit. "Social media's already happened. VC funding is supposed to be about funding what comes next."

Transatomic Power, founded in 2011 by nuclear scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is in the early stages of developing small-scale molten-salt reactors that could generate reliable, clean energy without creating nuclear waste.

The technology is from the 1960s, but Transatomic Power is developing new designs, using its financing to run tests on materials and models.

The startup would need far more funding, or a partner, to start building the reactors. □



An undated handout photo of Xcor's Lynx main engine during an engine test. Start-ups that make fusion reactors, natural pesticides and tiny rocket engines have the attention of venture capitalists, but profit is still a must.

(Mike Massee/Xcor Aerospace via The New York Times)



John Sorenson, a former genetics researcher and Vestaron's chief executive, who for years struggled to find investors as he watched other technology start-ups, like Snapchat and Square, raise many millions of dollars, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Katie Holmes portrays Jacqueline Kennedy in a scene from the eight-part movie, "The Kennedys," on cable's ReelzChannel network.

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## Holmes reprising Jackie O role

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Katie Holmes will once again play Jackie Kennedy Onassis in a TV miniseries.

The actress has signed on to star in "The Kennedys-After Camelot," a follow-up to "The Kennedys" miniseries for ReelzChannel.

It's based on a book by Randy Taraborrelli.

The four-hour miniseries will begin production next year and is slated to air in 2016. Thirty-five-year-old Holmes will executive produce and also direct one episode.

John Cassar, who directed "The Kennedys," will direct

the other three episodes.

"The Kennedys" was originally made to air on History, but was dropped because the network said it didn't fit its brand. The miniseries was later picked up by ReelzChannel and scored record ratings for the network when it aired in 2011.

It starred Greg Kinnear as John F. Kennedy and Holmes as the first lady. Kinnear was nominated for an Emmy and SAG Award for his portrayal. Barry Pepper, who played Bobby Kennedy, won the Emmy Award for outstanding lead actor in a miniseries or movie. □

## Keaton soars again in 'Birdman' film

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When Michael Keaton met Barack Obama shortly before Obama would become president, the then-senator had a question for the actor.

"Why don't you make more movies?"

It's a quandary that has long bedeviled moviego-

with a handful of supporting roles, reaches a blistering, wildly meta crescendo in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Birdman or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance." In it, Keaton stars as a washed-up, middle-aged actor, Riggan Thomson, trying to mount a serious play on Broadway based on a Raymond Carver story when all his fans want is for

ball. You start to create it or something."

His hair trim and gray, Keaton is intense in person and initially standoffish. He doesn't look up from his phone entering a Manhattan hotel room. At the mention that many have overdone comparisons of him to his "Birdman" character, he grows tense: "If I were you, I'd take a higher



In this Oct. 11, 2014 photo, actor Michael Keaton poses for a portrait in promotion of his upcoming role in the film "Birdman or The Unexpected Virtue of Innocence" in New York.

(Photo by Taylor Jewell/Invision/AP)

## Chris Brown leads nominees for 2014 Soul Train Awards

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Chris Brown is the top nominee for the Soul Train Awards.

The R&B singer racked up seven nominations, including best R&B/soul male artist and song of the year for "Loyal." Beyonce earned six nominations and Pharrell Williams followed with five.

Williams and Beyonce will be competing against each other for album of the year, along with John Legend, Drake, Janelle Monae and Michael Jackson.

Hosted by Wendy Williams, the Soul Train Awards will be presented on Nov. 7 in Las Vegas. The awards will air on Nov. 30 on Centric and BET. □



Singer Chris Brown poses in Los Angeles. Brown racked up 7 Soul Train Awards nominations, including Best R&B/Soul Male Artist, Song of the Year for "Loyal."

(Photo by Omar Vega/Invision)

ers just as it has, so it seems, heads of state. Why did the roundly beloved Keaton — a manic comic actor, an intense live wire, a real-deal movie star — become such an infrequent presence on the big screen?

Even at the height of Keaton's stardom in the 1980s and '90s, he was famously picky, usually doing a movie a year and turning down about as many hits ("Splash," "JFK," among them) as he said yes to. But after a handful of flops in the late '90s and early 2000s, Keaton all but disappeared from movies.

"I did turn a lot of things down. But a lot of the things I turned down, you would have turned down," said Keaton in a recent interview. "It was because I was bored. I was bored with what I would do. Maybe it just didn't interest me for a while, I don't know."

But Keaton's revival, begun

him to make a fourth "Birdman" film — a superhero identity that haunts him.

The reference to Keaton's "Batman" days is unmistakable, but "Birdman" — shot in long, flowing takes that capture the chaotic swirl of backstage life and a theater full of people striving for their own sense of self-importance — only plays a little with Keaton's own persona. It's a gonzo portrait of an actor's out-of-control psychoses that appears certain to land the 63-year-old's first Oscar nomination. Keaton's comeback is the result, he says, of sharpening his focus. "I turned the dial up," says Keaton. "I don't know if I got re-interested or I settled a lot of other things in my life. I really don't know. I just thought: 'I'm going to dial the scope in a little more,' like on a rifle. ... It's amazing when you focus on the things you want and keep your eye on the

road," he says.

Keaton has in many ways spent his career avoiding the typecast fate of Riggan. The Pittsburgh-native, Catholic-raised, youngest of seven began as stand-up. After his breakthrough in 1982's "Night Shift," he deliberately sought to avoid what he calls "glib young man" roles. When development on a third "Batman" film sought to lighten Tim Burton's universe, he bailed.

"He's a very self-assured guy. He doesn't need to be validated," says Inarritu ("Amores Perros," "Babel"). "In order to play a role like this and be naked — spiritually, intellectually, physically — you have to have a lot of self-assurance."

Keaton, who has a 31-year-old son from his marriage to Caroline McWilliams, spends much of his time on his ranch in Montana, fishing and hunting. □



## What to Watch:

# 2 young marrieds make NBC's new sitcom 'Marry Me'

**FRAZIER MOORE**  
AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — After dating Jake for six long years, Annie figured he would pop the question during their romantic island getaway.

He didn't, and when they return home, Annie throws a comic hissy-fit fit over her ringless state — at the very moment Jake was poised to put a ring on her finger. Thus begins "Marry Me," a new NBC sitcom starring Casey Wilson as the lovable but dizzy Annie and Ken Marino as her level-headed if hopelessly smitten boyfriend Jake.

Premiering Tuesday at 9 p.m. EDT, "Marry Me" reunites Wilson with creator-executive producer David Caspe, in whose former series, "Happy Endings," Wilson played a prominent role.

But in truth, Wilson and Caspe had never stopped being an item since "Happy Endings" left the air in spring 2013 after three seasons. Back then, they were dating. In May, they tied the knot.

Now Caspe gets to draw



Actress Casey Wilson, left, and her husband David Caspe pose in Beverly Hills, Calif. Their comedy series "Marry Me," premieres Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 9 p.m. ET on NBC.

(Photo by Katy Winn/Invision)

on domestic life with his vivacious leading lady while appointing Marino ("Eastbound & Down" and "Childrens Hospital") as his on-screen stand-in.

"Annie's character is very much inspired by Casey," says Caspe (the "e" is si-

lent), "and some of the dynamic between her and Ken's character is the same as our dynamic."

That becomes clear during a rollicking lunch as they fete a reporter at Hollywood's Paramount Pictures studios, where "Marry Me"

is produced.

Over salad in the posh Paramount dining room, Caspe recalls that he first met Wilson, then best known as a "Saturday Night Live" alum, when, late in the "Happy Endings" audition grind, she read for the role of Penny,

one of that show's gang of six Chicago chums.

"There were a couple of actresses who were better than her for the part," jokes Caspe. "But I wanted to make love to her, and I thought the best way to do that was to give her the part."

They remained just friends during the first season of "Happy Endings," opting for discretion. Then they ramped up to dating secretly.

"Then we started dating for real," Caspe says. "And the cast was supercool about it. Then the show got canceled."

Soon Caspe was developing a new show.

"It was perfect for Casey," he says, "and luckily she wanted to do it."

The fact that "Marry Me" was inspired by real life gave it extra appeal — or so Caspe hoped.

"When I went from network to network to pitch it, I would say one of the great things about this show is that it's going to mimic my life, since I'm about to propose to my girlfriend. I used that as a sales tool. □

## Review: 'Fury' a barrage of heavy-handedness

**JAKE COYLE**  
AP Film Writer

The relentless barrage of heavy-handedness in David Ayer's World War II tank drama "Fury" begins immediately. A lone horseman approaches on the grim horizon of a foggy, corpse-strewn battlefield. Out of the muck leaps a man who pulls the rider down and savagely bludgeons him in the eye.

Ayer, a veteran of the Navy and L.A. crime films like "Training Day" and "End of Watch," wants to make it clear from the start that he's making a film about the barbaric brutality of war. Setting it in April 1945 in the waning days of WWII in Europe only furthers the point that all war — even the supposedly "good" ones — is hell.

Into Germany rumbles Sgt. Don Collier (Brad Pitt) and



This photo shows Brad Pitt as Wardaddy in a scene from "Fury." (AP Photo/Sony, Giles Keyte)

his M4 Sherman tank. With "Fury" blazed on its gun and a claustrophobic warren of bickering soldiers within, the tank is a killing machine, as are its hardened inhabitants. The cast

— Shia LaBeouf as the gunner, Jon Bernthal as the loader, Michael Pena as the driver — work to show the darkness that has settled behind their eyes after years of war.

Good and bad — the usual battle lines of most WWII tales — isn't the dichotomy of "Fury." A far cry from his debonair "Inglourious Basterds" Nazi-hunter, Pitt's commander is a tough, even cruel boss (and the eye-stabber of the opening).

"We're not here for right and wrong," says Pitt. "We're here to kill."

Such bleak, unnatural mantras are occasionally spouted by Collier and his crew. The tank, a kind of a roaming lone wolf after its platoon is decimated, is joined by a new recruit, a fresh-faced, ill-prepared typist named Norman (Logan Lerman).

The air of the near-colorless "Fury" is relentlessly fetid, the screen filled with mud. The romance of "the greatest generation" has been drained away, leaving only

the harsh realities of war and perhaps a more honest view of what it does to men.

But "Fury" is by no means a realistic movie. It's an "unflinching" account of war — "unflinching," in quotes, because every moment of the film is composed to grind your face into the muck and be proud of itself for doing so.

Since this grisly verisimilitude is the point of "Fury," it ought to have considered drawing from real events for its story or central battle. Instead, it culminates in a lengthy, against-the-odds fight that has less in connection with WWII than the movie "300."

The balance of the movie feels off, suggesting Ayer, who wrote and directed, may have intended a much longer cut of the film. □



## Secret Deficit Lovers



PAUL KRUGMAN

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What if they balanced the budget and nobody knew or cared? OK, the federal budget hasn't actually been balanced. But the Congressional Budget Office has tallied up the totals for fiscal 2014, which ran through the end of September, and reports that the deficit plunge of the past several years continues. You still hear politicians ranting about "trillion dollar deficits," but last year's deficit was less than half-a-trillion dollars - or, a more meaningful number, just 2.8 percent of GDP - and it's still falling. So where are the ticker-tape parades? For that matter, where are the front-page news reports? After all, talk about the evils of deficits and the grave fiscal danger facing America dominated Washington for years. Shouldn't we be making a big deal of the fact that the alleged crisis is over?

Well, we aren't, and once you understand why, you also understand what fiscal hysteria was really about.

First, ordinary Americans aren't celebrating the deficit's decline because they don't know about it.

That's not mere speculation on my part. Earlier this year, YouGov polled Americans on fiscal issues, asking among other things whether the deficit had increased or declined since President Barack Obama took office. (In case you're wondering, the pollsters carefully explained the difference between annual deficits and the level of accumulated debt.) More than half of those polled said it had gone up, while only 19 percent correctly said that it had gone down.

Why doesn't the public know better? Probably because of the way much of the news media report this and other issues, with bad news played up and good news played down if it's reported at all.

This has been glaringly obvious in the case of health reform, where every problem with the Affordable Care Act has been the subject of headlines, while in right-wing media - and to some extent in mainstream news sources - favorable developments go unremarked. As a result, many people - even, in my experience, liberals - have the impression that the rollout of Obamacare has been a disaster and have no idea that enrollment is above expectations, costs are lower than expected and the number of

Americans without insurance has dropped sharply. Surely something similar has happened on the budget deficit.

But what about people who pay a lot of attention to the budget, the self-proclaimed deficit hawks? (Some of us prefer to call them deficit scolds.) They've spent the past few years telling us that budget shortfalls are the most important issue facing the nation, that terrible things will happen unless we act to stem the flow of red ink. Are they expressing satisfaction over the fading of that threat?

Not a chance. Far from celebrating the deficit's decline, the usual suspects - fiscal-scold think tanks, inside-the-Beltway pundits - seem annoyed by the news. It's a "false victory," they declare. "Trillion dollar deficits are coming back," they warn. And they're furious with Obama for saying that it's time to get past "mindless austerity" and "manufactured crises."

He's declaring mission accomplished, they say, when he should be making another push for entitlement reform.

All of which demonstrates a truth that has been apparent for a while, if you have been paying close attention: Deficit scolds actually love big budget deficits and hate it when those deficits get smaller. Why? Because fears of a fiscal crisis - fears that they feed assiduously - are their best hope of getting what they really want: big cuts in social programs. A few years ago they almost managed to bully the nation into cutting Social Security and/or raising the Medicare eligibility age; they even had hopes of turning Medicare into an underfinanced voucher program. Now that window of opportunity is closing fast.

But isn't the falling deficit just a short-term blip, with the long-run outlook as dire as ever? Actually, no. Falling deficits right now have a lot to do with a strengthening economy plus some of that "mindless austerity" the president condemned. But there has also been a dramatic slowdown in the growth of health spending - and if that continues, the long-run fiscal outlook is much better than anyone thought possible not long ago. Yes, current projections still show a rising ratio of debt to GDP starting some years from now, and uncomfortable levels of debt a generation from now. But given all the clear and present dangers we face, it's hard to see why dealing with that distant and uncertain prospect should be any kind of policy priority.

So let's say goodbye to fiscal hysteria. I know that the deficit scolds are having a hard time letting go; they're still trying to bring back the days when Bowles and Simpson bestrode the Beltway like colossi. But those days aren't coming back, and we should be glad. □



## DC 2014: Money Matters Less



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I happened to be in the U.S. Capitol when the Citizens United decision came down four years ago. Democratic lawmakers greeted the decision with a mutually reinforcing mixture of fury and fear. The decision, everyone agreed, would unleash a tsunami of corporate and plutocratic money into politics, giving Republicans a huge spending advantage. "This is the end of our party," wailed one Democrat, aware he was going a tad over the top.

Things haven't worked out as expected. In 2012, Mitt Romney did not have a spending advantage over Barack Obama. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, very few publicly traded corporations made political donations.

During the 2012 campaign cycle, news articles began appearing in local papers reporting that it was sometimes Democratic groups who were making the most of the post-Citizens United landscape. The Center for Public Integrity looked at campaigns in 38 states in 2012. Democratic-leaning groups outspent Republicans by more than \$8 million.

This year, the same sorts of articles are appearing. A Politico analysis in September found that the 15 top Democratic-aligned committees outraised the 15 top Republican ones by \$164 million. Based on data from the Center for Responsive Politics, Democrats have more money than Re-

publicans in most of the tightest Senate races: Colorado, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire and Virginia.

Karl Rove has been shaking the Republican donor base, arguing that his groups are being outspent. A September study by his super PAC, American Crossroads, found that Democratic candidates have reserved \$109 million in television advertising time before Election Day, while Republicans have reserved \$85 million. So was the furor about Citizens United misplaced? Will Democrats end up winning the political spending wars, thanks to their own plutocratic donor base?

Well, the situation is complicated. The first thing we know about the post-Citizens United era is that it has accelerated a pre-existing trend: Each year more money flows into campaigns. Spending this cycle is more than double what it was at this point in 2010 and four times higher than it was in early October 2006.

Second, the decision has not scared away small donors, as many feared.

A study by Douglas M. Spencer and Abby K. Wood suggested that smaller donors were just as likely to be active after the decision as before.

Third, many of Democrats' apparent advantages in spending this year are temporary. A major wave of Republican money is expected over the next few weeks. Democrats do have an advantage in the donations made to super PACs, which have to report their donors. But Republicans have an advantage in donations made to 501(c)(4) groups, which can keep the names of donors secret.

The final and most important effect of Citizens United is that it will reduce the influence of money on electoral outcomes. Yes, that's right. Reduce.

Remember, money is quite important in local races, with unknown candidates.

But money is not that important in high-attention federal

races. Every year we get more evidence suggesting that campaign spending does not lead to victory. In 2012 the Koch brothers spent huge amounts of money to pathetic effect. Rove's American Crossroads dumped \$117 million into the 2012 election. More than 90 percent of it was spent on candidates who ended up losing.

And money is really not important when both candidates are well-financed. After both candidates have hit a certain spending threshold, the additional TV commercials they might buy are just making the rubble bounce. The economist Steve Levitt has found that if you cut a campaign's spending in half, and held everything else constant, then the candidate would only lose 1 percent of the popular vote. If you doubled a candidate's spending, the candidate would only gain 1 percentage point. In other words, big swings in spending produce only small changes in the vote totals.

We're now at a moment when a fire hose of money is trying to fill the same glasses of voters. That means every plausible Senate candidate and almost every plausible House candidate has more than enough money to get his or her message out. What matters more is the quality of that message and the national mood. If Democrats exceed expectations this year it will be because of the reasons Ashley Parker and Nicholas Confessore identified in a recent Times article: because their message is better defined.

The upshot is that we should all relax about campaign spending. We should worry more about America's rich. Some people who are really smart at making money are apparently really stupid at spending it. This year, the big spender is a hedge fund manager named Tom Steyer. He could have spent \$42.7 million paying for kids to go to college. Instead he has spent that much money this year further enriching the people who own TV stations. What a waste. □



# Trick or Peeps! Holiday Creep Extends to Halloween

LEANNE ITALIE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Holiday creep, it seems, is here to stay, and it's spookier than it used to be. The blending of holiday traditions — think Hanukkah bush — now kicks off with Halloween in a variety of ways. Here's a peek at the holiday bleed:

## HALLOWEEN EGGS

The Easter tradition of decorating eggs in pretty pastels has morphed into spooky or playful takes for Halloween. Consider this pumpkin egg project that landed on a 2004 cover of Martha Stewart Living magazine: A centuries-old Ukrainian dying technique called pysanka was used to draw a design with wax. The eggs were then dipped in dye and held close to a flickering flame so the wax melts away to reveal the decoration. The little pumpkins were placed in a cozy nest of hay and twigs. Decorating eggs is most definitely not just for Easter anymore, said Hannah Milman, the editorial director of crafts and holidays at Martha Stewart Living Om-

nimedia. "Iconic imagery like an egg, a tree, things that are very familiar to people, are very easy to translate into another holiday by changing the color," she said. "The egg is an everyday object that everyone has. Everyone can buy one. I think it's a love of the shape of natural things."

## HALLOWEEN TREES

These days, Christmas trees aren't just for Christmas, or even Hanukkah for that matter. Look no further than the Halloween display at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, which touts itself as the world's largest Christmas store. Founded by Wally Bronner in 1945, Halloween and the fall harvest mark the official start of the holiday season at the store in Frankenmuth, Michigan. The store has a 98,000-square-foot sales floor nestled on 27 acres in the state's Little Bavaria region. A religious man, Bronner wasn't one for ghouls and goblins, but Halloween is hard to get around these days. "In the past few years we've gotten more and



In this image released by Martha Stewart Living shows eggs decorated in a Halloween theme. The blending of holiday traditions — think Hanukkah bush — now kicks off with Halloween in a variety of ways. The Easter tradition of decorating eggs in pretty pastels has morphed into spooky or playful takes for Halloween. (AP Photo/Martha Stewart Living, Victor Schrager)

more Halloween ornaments and trims. People love Halloween. It's a tremendous holiday," said Sarah Schlegel, Bronner's decorating coordinator. Her staff decorated a 4-and-a-half-foot tree with round orange pumpkin and white spiderweb ornaments.

So is the calendar just one big holiday now? "You know it really is," Schlegel laughed. "People will take a tree that size and decorate it all year round for the seasons and different holidays."

## PEEPS

Trick or Peeps!

The sugary, marshmallow chicks — once the delight of Easter alone — have been reinvented for just about every occasion, including Halloween. One box of five green chicks comes with a plush, five-inch "witch chick" with a black hat. Orange pumpkin Peeps can be had as singles or in a 24-count tray, along with white ghost-shaped Peeps. There are chocolate-covered Peeps and cats in the flavor of chocolate mousse, said Matt Pye, vice president of corporate affairs for Just Born, the company that owns Peeps and is based, where else, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Halloween Peeps account for 8 to 10 percent of sales, he said, behind No. 1 Easter and No. 2 Christmas. "It's a small part of the business, but it's growing," Pye said.

## UGLY SWEATERS

The folks at Festified.com are thinking, hey, why not Halloween? There's a sweater dress there, a vest and leggings in orange stripes with pumpkins and bats. Mike Golomb, owner of Uglysweaterstore.com, is not only all about ugly sweaters for Christmas, Halloween and just about every other occasion but he sells only VINTAGE ugly sweaters that he buys by the 1,000-pound bale. For Halloween, there's a black sweatshirt that has a pumpkin exploding with fireworks, and a vest with smiley pumpkins and candy corn. "Christmas is still our biggest holiday, but we have Easter sweaters, Halloween sweaters, sweaters for teachers with apples and pencils on them," said Golomb, in St. Louis. "We've seen increased sales in all the sweaters, especially any holiday." Golomb sells his ugly sweaters for \$30 to \$300 each. "To us, the tackier the better," he said. "Sometimes I think Halloween sweaters are more tacky than the Christmas sweaters, with the candy corn and bats and everything." □



This product image released by Peeps shows marshmallow treats in the shape of ghosts. The people who make those marshmallow treats once a long, long time ago the delight of Easter have been reinvented for just about every occasion, including Halloween. One box of five Halloween green chicks comes with a plush, five-inch "witch chick" with a black hat. Pumpkin Peeps in orange can be had in a 24-count tray, and white ghost Peeps can be had three or nine at a time.

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